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PART I

SUGGESTED ORDER OF SERVICE

MORNING

Scripture Sentence and Prayer of Invocation.

Hymn.

Prayer—Confession and Petition.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

Canticle, Psalm or Hymn.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
(followed by Children's Address).

Hymn (Children's).

Prayer (Thanksgiving and Intercession with Lord's Prayer).

Announcements.

Anthem or Hymn.

Collect of Illumination.

SERMON.

Prayer after Sermon.

Offertory.

Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

(For Evening Worship an altered order of service may be found valuable. See page 85.)

OPENING SENTENCES

MORNING

This is the day that the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all that be bowed down.

And not one of His creatures is forgotten before God.

In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O send out Thy Light and Thy Truth ; let them lead us ; let them bring us to Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles.

Then will we go unto the altar of God, unto God our exceeding joy.

Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together.

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of hosts. My soul longeth for the courts of the Lord.

Blessed are they that dwell within Thy House ; they praise Thy name for evermore.

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord, our God.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord.

Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

O taste and see that the Lord is good ; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

From the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, the Lord's Name is to be praised.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name.

If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good gifts to them that ask Him.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, now, in the presence of all His people.

EVENING

Bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of His, who by night stand in the House of the Lord.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord; to shew forth His loving kindness in the morning, and His faithfulness every night.

Let us draw near, therefore, unto Him, in the full assurance of faith.

Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

It shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any, that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Let your prayers be set forth as incense, and the lifting up of your hands as the evening sacrifice.

CHRISTMAS

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

CLOSING YEAR

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. He will be our Guide even unto death.

NEW YEAR

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the House of the Lord for ever.

GOOD FRIDAY

God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem.

ASCENSION

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

WHIT-SUNDAY

As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God. The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought.

HARVEST

The Earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above.

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches.

While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, shall not cease.

O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Opening Sentences

FLOWER SERVICE

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Now therefore our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious Name.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

Except ye be converted, and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children.

Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

Be ye, therefore, followers of God as dear children, and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us.

SERVICE FOR YOUNG MEN

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

He hath shown thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

MISSIONS

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth. Men shall be blessed in Him, all nations shall call Him blessed. All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

And they brought unto Him all sick people, and He healed them. And as many as touched Him were made whole.

COMMEMORATION

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

Their reward is with the Lord. And the care of them is with the Most High. And His servants shall serve Him. And they shall see His Face.

INVOCATION

MORNING

Draw nigh unto us, O Lord, as we seek to draw nigh unto Thee, and in this quiet and sacred hour of fellowship, be Thou the hope and the peace of our souls. Take away our heart's unrest, our cares and our fears. Help us to worship Thee with unclouded minds ; to sing Thy praises with thankful lips ; to steep our souls in the infinite calm of Thy presence. Draw us close to Thy mercy seat, and help us to lay upon Thine altar the oblation of a humble and contrite heart, which Thou dost not despise. Grant us these mercies, O Lord, we beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Glory, and Thanksgiving, and Honour be unto Thee, Lord God of our fathers, Who hast brought us out of the shadows of night, to see the light of this new day. Thee, mighty God, heavenly King, do we magnify and praise : we worship and adore Thy glorious Name, joining in the hymn of angels and archangels and all the hosts of heaven, and singing unto Thee, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high, unto all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, our Father and our Redeemer, by Whose loving-kindness we live day by day, moment by moment; on Whom our hopes depend, in Whom our trust is stayed: into Thy Holy House we have entered to worship Thee. Make clean our lips that we may hallow Thy Name in prayer; make pure our hearts that we may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness: withdraw our thoughts from the unhallowed things of the world, and fill Thy House with the radiance of Thy Presence, that all our worship may be spiritual and devout, to the glory of Thy most Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

We have come into Thy House, O Lord, in the multitude of Thy mercies, but we are not worthy so much as to lift up our eyes unto Thee. Make us worthy, O God, we beseech Thee. Take from our hearts the stains of the world, and from our minds the world's unrest. May waters spring up in the desert of our lives, and peace as a river refresh our souls. Help us to forget our cares and our fears, our troubles and our anxieties, and so to fling open the doors of our hearts unto Thee, that Thou mayest enter, and fill us with the blessedness of Thy peace. Grant unto us these rich mercies, O Lord; to us unworthy, to us undeserving, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

O God, Who in Thy divine mercy hast united us again in the worship of Thy holy Name; look down with forgiving eyes upon us, who as suppliants approach Thy mercy seat. Fill us with the spirit

of penitence ; mercifully absolve us from our sins, and into our worldly and earth-born hearts send something of Thine own heaven. Grant unto the burdened, release ; to the despairing, hope, and to us all the blessed assurance of sins forgiven : that all our worship this day may be fruitful in holiness ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, without Whose presence all worship is vain, and without Whose light we have no understanding : vouchsafe to lead us into Thy holy presence, and release us from the darkness of our sins by Thy heavenly light ; that we, together with all Thy Church, may worship Thee this day in spirit and in truth ; to the honour of Thy name, and to the glory of Thy Kingdom ; through our only Lord and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Quieten our minds and hearts, O God, and prepare us now to worship Thee. Lift from us the burden of our earthly cares ; help us to forget our anxieties and the world's unrest. Grant unto each of us to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. May there steal into our hearts an assurance of Thy loving Presence, and of Thy most blessed forgiveness ; and these great mercies we entreat through the love and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Who hast made the brightness of Thy face to be the glory of Thy creation, and Who makest the darkness to shine as the light ; Thine, O Lord, is the glory and majesty, and the victory is Thine : wherefore with angels and archangels,

and the heavenly host, and with Thy holy Church throughout the world, we unite to laud and magnify Thy holy Name ; beseeching Thee to grant unto us, Thine unworthy servants, the aid of Thy Spirit, that in our worship we may adore Thee, and in our lives render unto Thee all glory, honour, and praise, world without end. *Amen.*

We bless and praise and magnify Thee, O God of our fathers, Who hast led us out of the shadows of night once more into the light of day. Accept now, in Thy mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, Thy whole Church ; all who join with us in prayer ; all our brethren by land or sea, or wherever they may be in Thy vast Kingdom who stand in need of Thy grace and succour. Pour out upon them, and upon us, the riches of Thy mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, may ever praise Thy wonderful and holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day ; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power ; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Invocation

EVENING

Grant unto us Thy people, here assembled this night, O Lord, pardon and peace; that we may worship Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Enlighten this Sanctuary, O God, we beseech Thee, by Thine indwelling, and grant that all who have come hither to pour out their prayers, may, from whatever trouble they cry unto Thee, obtain the blessings of Thy comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Into Thy most holy Presence do we seek to enter this night, O God, with humble and contrite hearts, beseeching Thee to grant unto us the forgiveness of our sins, and grace wherewith to worship Thee, through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Come to us in this quiet hour, O Lover and Saviour of men, and speak to us in large, divine, and comfortable words. We have no hope save in Thy mercy; no peace save in Thy forgiveness; no joy save in Thy love. Without Thee our lives are restless and disquieted. O Lord, as night steals across the sky; as shepherds enfold their sheep; as a mother soothes her child; as sleep steals on wearied eyes; as dew descends at dawn of day; so let Thy blessings steal into our souls, and give us peace. *Amen.*

O heavenly Father, the strength of all those that put their trust in Thee, Who hast brought us in safety to this hour of evening worship, mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and in deed; through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Let the ears of Thy mercy be open, O Lord, to the prayers of Thy people this night, and may this sanctuary be blessed to each one of us by our worship of Thy holy Name. And since, without Thee, nothing is strong, nothing is holy, be pleased, O Lord, Who art the heavenly Leader of all our earthly worship, Thyself to guide us both in what we should inwardly desire, and outwardly say and do, so that our worship, being acceptable unto Thee, may be blessed to us all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Father in heaven, Who hast brought us unto the closing of the day, let the peace of the eventide descend upon us; may every stormy passion be subdued, every unquiet thought cast out, every earthly care and anxiety forgotten; that in the calm of Thy loving presence we may find a remedy for our souls' unrest, and in Thy loving-kindness an answer to our every need. Hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Invocation

Almighty God, Who hast promised that where two or three are met together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ADVENT

O God, Who didst prepare of old the minds and hearts of men for the coming of Thy Son, and Whose Spirit ever worketh to bring the light of His glorious gospel into our darkened lives; prepare now our minds and hearts, we entreat Thee, that Christ may tabernacle within us, and ever reign in our thoughts and affections as the King of Love, and the very Prince of Peace. Grant this, we humbly beseech Thee, for His sake. *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS

Most blessed Saviour, Who for the salvation of sinful men didst empty Thyself of heavenly glory, and didst enter our life as a little Child; help us to celebrate this happy festival by opening our hearts afresh unto Thee; and as we recall Thy goodness, and sing Thy praises, may we be filled with love and adoring gratitude to Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE CLOSING YEAR

Heavenly Father, Who hast been the dwelling place of Thy children in all generations, and Who, amid the fleeting things of life, dost ever call us to number our days, and to apply our hearts unto wisdom ; we thank Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself unto us as the unchanging God, the same yesterday, to-day and for ever. Accept our gratitude, we beseech Thee, for the unnumbered blessings Thou hast vouchsafed unto us in this year that is ending ; blot out in Thy mercy the many sins which stain the book of Thy remembrance ; and so sanctify to us this hour of worship that we may be enabled to face the future without fear confident in Thy protection, and trusting in Thy guidance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE NEW YEAR

O God, Who art without beginning or end of days, we lift our hearts in gratitude to Thee, in that Thou hast brought us safely to the beginning of another year. We bless Thee for the continuance of our life, and for the many undeserved mercies which daily supply our wants and gladden our hearts. Pardon, we beseech Thee, all our misuse of Thy mercies ; our mis-spent time ; our manifold sins. Give us grace to begin this New Year with renewed desires to serve Thee, and more earnestly to fulfil Thy Holy Will. Grant this, O Father of mercies, for the sake of Thy son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Invocation

O Thou Who art ever the same, grant us to pass through this New Year with faithful hearts, that we may be able in all things to please Thy loving eyes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GOOD FRIDAY

O God, Who hast revealed unto us in the Cross of Thy dear Son that perfect love is perfect sacrifice ; help us to look upon Him Who was pierced for us, and as we behold Him may our sins be crucified within us, so that dying unto sin we may live unto righteousness, and faithfully bearing our Cross may be numbered among Thine elect, through the saving merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EASTER

O God, Who wast delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification, Who by Thy resurrection from the grave hast set us free from its terrors, and given unto us the blessed hope of immortality ; so unite us this day with Thy risen and glorified Life, that the sin which worketh death in us may be destroyed, and the grace which worketh life in us may be increased, that both in life and in death we may glorify Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ASCENSION DAY

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who believe Thine only-begotten Son, our Redeemer, to have this day ascended into heaven, may ourselves also in mind dwell amid heavenly things. May we possess the upward look, and ever ardently seek those things which are above, that so by stepping-stones of our dead selves we may reach to higher things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WHIT-SUNDAY

Most loving God, our Father in heaven, Who didst send down Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy Church on the day of Pentecost, and hast promised that He shall abide in Thy Church for ever; help us to open our hearts to His most blessed indwelling. May He come to us as fire to purify, as light to guide, and as the dew to refresh and bless, so that He may witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. And this we humbly seek, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION AND PETITION

I

We humble ourselves before Thee, most High and Holy God, and make unto Thee, in deep contrition, the confession of our sins.

O Thou, Who makest Thyself visible only to the pure in heart, we confess how our thoughts of Thee have been degraded by our sinfulness; how our faith in Thee has been enfeebled by our self-indulgence; how our witness of Thee has been marred and made fruitless by our insincerities, and how our worship of Thee has been so often chilled by our indifference that we leave Thy House uncomforted and unblessed.

O Lord our God, relight Thy Lamp on the high altar of our hearts. Leave not to perpetual lamentation Thy servants whose only hope is in Thy mercy. From the depths we cry unto Thee. Cast us not away from Thy presence. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Come to us clothed in Thy beautiful garments of Salvation. Make our souls a sanctuary in which Thou canst take up Thine abode. Make our hearts the habitation of Thy Spirit.

O Lord, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Thou good Shepherd of the sheep, Who camest to seek the lost, and to gather them to Thy fold, have compassion

upon all who have wandered from Thee; feed those who hunger; cause the weary to lie down in Thy pastures; bind up those that are broken in heart, and strengthen those that are weak, that we, relying on Thy care and being comforted by Thy love, may abide under Thy protection to our lives' end.

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His Own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II

Gracious and full of compassion art Thou, Lord God, in Whom our fathers trusted and were not ashamed: Thy mercy endureth for ever: Thy light is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. Thou Thyself hast put it into our hearts to long for Thee, and hast so made us that we can find no rest until we find Thee. With shame and sorrow we have to confess how often we have forgotten Thee, and how constantly we grieve Thy Fatherly heart by our weakness and our folly. Yet, blessed be Thy Holy Name, Thy mercy is beyond all our sinning. Who is a pardoning God like Thee Who findest glory, not in punishment, but in forgiveness?

O God, help us that the recognition of Thy so great goodness may encourage us to walk in the right way; not with slavish reluctance, but with glad and willing feet. Defend us from closing our ears to the pleadings of Thy Spirit; from hardening

our hearts against Thy commandments, and from resisting the voice of conscience when duty seems stern, and our wills are weak.

Make us, we beseech Thee, truly Christian, men and women of large-heartedness ; entering joyfully into everything that is gladsome and fair in the world around us ; sympathetic alike in the joys as well as the sorrows of our fellow-men ; kind and charitable in our judgments ; appreciative of the gifts of others ; ever quick with the kindly word, the ready smile, and the outstretched hands. Keep us from increasing the harvests of unhappiness which others must reap ; from falsifying our Christianity by our churlishness ; by a gloomy attitude towards the happiness of others ; by morbid fears, or by distorting the image of Christ by our coldness and disdain. Bless us, we beseech Thee, with contentment, and help us to make life sacramental by learning how to love and give.

Grant these joys unto us, we beseech Thee, O God, for His sake, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, even for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III

Most gracious Father, Who in Thine infinite mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, help us whose consciences are burdened by a sense of our unworthiness, to cast ourselves upon Thy mercy.

Most blessed Saviour, Who didst not repel the

lips of the sinful woman who kissed Thine unstained Feet, repel us not who deeply conscious of sin, yet with a like faith, turn now to Thee in the hope of Thy mercy. Forgive us, and purify us, we humbly beseech Thee ; send forth Thy quickening Spirit and bring to life our feeble desires after holiness. Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, that from those fears and despairs which our yielding to sin has created we may be delivered, and let the everlasting arms of Thy mercy, O Christ, make for us a rampart of flame, through which nothing that is evil can pierce.

Almighty God, Whose will it is that all men should be saved and brought to a knowledge of the truth, Grant, we earnestly beseech Thee, that Thy Church may take upon its heart and conscience in deeper measure the burden of the lost ; that great multitude around us who are heedless and prayerless ; who are hardened in heart, and unbelieving in mind, and who have no fear of God before their eyes. Help us that we may be filled with something of Christ's compassion for these lost and wandering sheep who know not their Shepherd's voice, and who wander lone and miserable in the wilderness of sin and death. Grant that we may in love seek them, and pray for them—our brothers and sisters, for whom Christ died.

Now unto Him Who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

IV

O God of all grace, Who blottest out the sins of those who truly repent, and who turn to Thee with contrite hearts, receive us who come to Thee burdened by the chain of our sins, troubled by our temptations, and entangled by evil passions. In Thy loving-kindness lead us to repentance, and restore us to Thy divine favour. Break the fetters, we beseech Thee, which bind our wills and enslave our souls, and in Thy mercy set us free to love and serve Thee.

Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord, that Thou dost not despise the nature of man, nor hate us whom Thou didst create in Thine own Image, even though we are weak and sinful. We bless Thee and rejoice that Christ was able to discover something of good beneath all our unworthiness, and that to save us He did not despise the Cross, or turn even from the publicans and sinners as beyond the reach of His mercy.

Grant to us, then, who seek to follow Him, to cherish a reverence for our fellow-men; hope for the salvation of even the most abandoned, and a longing to be instruments in Thy Hands in the blessed work of redemption. Lift us into that universal love which conquers all debasing prejudices, and which enables us to look upon all men, of whatever race or colour, as our brothers for whom Christ died. Give unto our souls so clear a vision of duty, so deep a longing for the good of others, that forgetting ourselves we may find in a life of self-renouncing love, a life of freedom and of victory.

These things we ask, O heavenly Father, in patient confidence and joyous hope, being assured that we ask them in accordance with Thy will; that the voice of Thy Church is heard of Thee, and that it is Thy heavenly will that we should continually pray unto Thee, trusting in Thy mercies, and in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, in Whose holy Name we offer our requests. *Amen.*

V

Almighty God, Who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, we acknowledge and lament our manifold sins and errors, and the daily transgressions of our lives. Have mercy upon us, and upon all Christians, for whose salvation Thine only-begotten Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, delivered Himself unto death. Convert our hearts to a true repentance, and to a real amendment of our lives. Kindle in us the fires of Thy love, and give us an ardent zeal for Thy glory; that as loving and obedient children we may, in life and in death, be ever pleasing unto Thee.

We also beseech Thee, our Father in heaven, that, wherever Thou dost place us, and in whatsoever estate we may be, we may have grace given us to live helpful and obedient lives to Thine honour and glory. Teach us how to love and serve Thee, and in Thee to love and serve our fellow-men; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to look for rest; to labour and not to seek for reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will.

Thus living our lives in daily fellowship with Thee, may we be enabled with happy confidence to look forward to that home of peace and blessedness which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

VI

O God of pity and of mercy, Who hast opened for us a way of approach through Jesus Christ, receive us, who entreat Thee in His Name, and are in need of Thy forgiveness.

We pray Thee, heavenly Father, to grant to each one of us an ever increasing consciousness of Thy nearness, that we may have an ever growing hatred of our sin. Forgive us for our want of progress in the Christian life; our weariness in well-doing; our formal worship and our joyless services. Forgive us for our faithlessness as witnesses to the world of Thy saving mercies; for our cowardice in not rebuking sin; for our easy compliance in worldly standards of conduct, and for our unwillingness to bear the Cross. Forgive us for our cold and impoverished hearts; for those sins which have become so constant in us that we are almost reconciled to their presence; for those humiliating defeats which we have encountered because we have entered the conflict ungirded with spiritual armour, and for all our failures in living, because we have been so absorbed in the business and pleasures of life as to forget its purpose.

O Thou loving and tender Father in Heaven, in sorrow we confess to Thee how hard and unsympathetic have been our hearts toward others; how often we have sinned against our neighbours by want of compassion and tenderness; how often we have felt no true pity for them in their trials and sorrows, and have neglected to comfort them and visit them. O God, forgive these our sins, and lay them not to our charge. Give us grace ever to alleviate the crosses and difficulties of those around us, and never to add to them. Teach us to be consolers in sorrow; to take thought for the stranger, the widow and the orphan; let our charity show itself not in words only, but in deed and truth. Teach us to judge as Thou dost judge, with forbearance, with much pity and indulgence, and help us to avoid all unloving judgments of others, for the sake of Thy Son, Who has called us to follow Him and do His works.

And to this end take us, O Lord our God, into Thy holy keeping; strengthen us in every hour of weakness; comfort us in every trial, and accept us as now we re-dedicate ourselves, in body, soul and spirit, unto Thee, through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

VII

Most Holy God, Who dwellest in light inaccessible and full of glory, we come to Thee as sinful seeking cleansing, as penitent seeking forgiveness, as weary seeking rest.

We bewail our many failures and transgressions; our secret faults and presumptuous sins; our

foolish wanderings and our constant infidelities. We confess that we have distrusted Thy mercies and despaired of Thy forgiveness ; that we have exposed ourselves to temptation and have not repented when we have fallen ; that we have delighted in selfish ease and walked in forbidden ways, and that in thought and word and deed we have sinned against Thee, and against our fellow-men.

Most merciful Father, Who hast opened at Calvary a river of cleansing, whose waters wash away the stains of our sin, and restore hearts that are penitent to purity and to Thy divine favour ; let those cleansing waters pour over our souls, that the stain of our sins may be washed away, and that we may be made clean in Thy most holy sight.

Most blessed Saviour, Thou gracious Comforter and Restorer of all distressed and sin-laden souls, draw us away from our sins, our dangerous affections, and our hidden shame. Let Thy pure love burn out all low desires, and promote all heavenly aspirations ; and let those rich mercies which come down from above upon the hearts of men, descend upon, and reside within us, and be our defence and our delight, until, saved by Thy grace, we stand in Thy presence, inheriting the promises, and dwell with Thee in that kingdom which is everlasting.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy ; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

VIII

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent ; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name.

Lord for Thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives ; to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, and ever walk with a contrite heart before Thee, now and evermore.

Almighty God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name ; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ear to us who now make our prayers and supplications unto Thee ; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS

FOR GUIDANCE

O Lord Jesus, we pray Thee suffer us not to stray from Thee Who art the Way, nor to distrust Thee Who art the Truth, nor to rest in any other thing but Thee Who art the Life. Teach us by Thy Holy Spirit what to believe, what to do, and wherein to take our rest. Grant us in all our asking expectancy, in all our seeking guidance, in all our knocking patience which is unwearying; so that asking we may receive; that seeking we may find, and that knocking the door of Thy mercy may be opened unto us.

FOR TENDER HEARTS

Most gracious Saviour, Who when dwelling amongst men didst have pity upon the multitude, seeing them beaten down and scattered abroad as shepherdless sheep, and Who to save them and us didst reveal Thyself as the Good Shepherd giving Thy Life for the sheep; bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, tender hearts full of affection and sympathy for all the sorrowing and suffering sons of men. Help us to keep in mind the number of poor souls around us who live unloved and unpitied, and who struggle daily against poverty and need. Make us to feel their sorrows and trials as if they were ours; to bear patiently with their imperfections, remem-

bering our own ; and, as far as in us lies, cheerfully to relieve their necessities.

FOR THE SHEPHERDLESS SHEEP

O God, in distress of heart we call to mind how many of Thy sheep in distant lands have no Shepherd ; none to reveal to them their danger ; none to keep them out of danger ; none to lead them where they might find pasture. O Lord, reveal to us the means by which the Gospel may be preached to them. Send them pastors full of zeal, who, pitying their sad condition, may go forth to instruct them in Thy truth. And do Thou, O Lord, prepare their hearts to receive it, that they being delivered from all idolatries, may come to know Thee the only true God and Saviour of us all.

FOR UNSELFISHNESS

O Lord and Saviour, Who hast given us a law that we should love one another as Thou hast loved us, and should do unto others as we would that they should do to us : preserve us from selfishness, and help us always to be ready to deny ourselves, and willingly to do even things painful and wearisome, when by so doing we may help our neighbour for his good. Save us from the sin of thinking evil, from rash and unkind judgments, from angry and bitter words, and grant that day by day we may grow up into Thy likeness, Who didst forgive even Thine enemies, and didst give Thy Life a ransom for us all.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

I

O Lord our God, Who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, and hast awakened us again to praise Thy goodness, accept now, in Thy loving-kindness, the sacrifice of our thanksgiving, which with grateful hearts we render unto Thee.

We thank Thee, O God, for this world in which Thou hast placed us; for making it so fair and wonderful; for clothing it in its garment of grass and flowers; for lighting it with sunshine by day, and by night filling the heavens with Thy stars.

We thank Thee for all the gladsome things of life; for happy laughter and the gift of song; for the beauty of childhood and the strength of youth; for mother's love and father's care, and for the love of Christ which shines over all.

We thank Thee for all wise and gifted men who have opened our eyes to behold Thy manifold and glorious works, the wonders of Thy creation, and the matchless beauty of Thy handiwork; and we thank Thee for all artists, poets, preachers and teachers, who by their labours have enriched our minds, and made our common life of nobler consequence.

We thank Thee for Thy countless gifts of grace; for the mercy which comes fresh every morning, and is renewed every night; for communion with Thee

the Father of our spirits, and for all the hopes and aspirations which give splendour and dignity to life.

We thank Thee for all good men and women in the world around us, who bear upon their hearts the sorrows of others; who strive to lift up the fallen and cheer the faint, and who, by their charities, alleviate the sufferings of the afflicted and the poor.

And we thank and bless Thee for all the sacred and tender ties which bind us to the unseen world; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth, and fills our saddest moments with the light of an immortal hope.

Most of all we thank Thee for sending unto us the Lord of glory and the Lover of men, Who by His cross and precious blood has redeemed us, to Whom be glory everlasting.

Most loving Father, Who art ever more ready to hear than we to pray, mercifully hear our Intercessions which now we make unto Thee, and help us to ask in faith, ever trusting in Thy mercy.

We pray for all classes of men and women in their several duties and employments; for the aged in their declining years, that they may have peace at eventide; for fathers who go out to bear the burdens of the day, and for wives and mothers in their cares at home; for the young men and women in the joy of their youth, that they may be preserved in the hour of temptation, and find their joy in Thy service; and for the little children, that they may grow up in strength and beauty, and learn in their early days to yield their hearts to Thee.

We pray for the poor and unemployed and all who suffer want ; for the sick in our hospitals and in our homes ; for the lonely and friendless, and for all whose sorrows and afflictions cry out for human sympathy and redress ; that Thou wouldest keep us ever in remembrance of their needs, and make our hearts pitiful to their necessities.

We pray for this congregation of Thy people, and for all our fellow-members ; that the blessing of the Most High may rest upon all our work and worship ; that the spirit of unity and loving-kindness may be shed abroad in our hearts ; that no rivalry or bitterness may ever spring up among us, but that, knit together in brotherly love, we may hold the faith, in unity of spirit, and in the bonds of peace.

We pray for all who are losing heart in the battle of life, who are visited by worldly loss, or are embittered by grief ; for all who are being spoiled by success or hardened by failure ; and for those who, because of life's disappointments, are becoming estranged from Thee ; that Thou wouldst reveal Thy pity toward them, and lead them back to Thyself, in Whom alone is peace and rest.

Eternal God, in Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence ; we remember, also, with quiet and grateful hearts, those known and dear to us, who have found rest in Thee. Mercifully grant that their example and memory may stir us to a better life ; that when for us the night cometh when no man can work, we may be counted worthy to dwell with them, in that blessed home of everlasting light and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom

with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

II

Most gracious God, our Father in heaven, we most humbly adore Thee, and we now lift up our hearts unto Thee in praise and gratitude, giving thanks unto Thee for Thine infinite and unceasing mercies to us and to all men.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the gift of life, and for the bountiful provision Thou hast made for all our necessities; and we praise Thee for health of body and soundness of mind, and for the strength Thou dost give us for our daily toil.

We thank Thee for the blessings and the comforts of our homes, for loving parents and kind friends, for our teachers and daily companions, and for all who have guided us and encouraged us on our onward way.

We thank Thee for all lovely and gracious things around us; for the glories of earth and sky and sea; for the sweet air, and the song of birds; for the laughter of children, and all innocent mirth.

We thank Thee for all the sacred and holy things of life; for Thy Church and Sanctuary; for worship and prayer; for Thy holy and blessed commandments; for calling us to be Thy children, and for setting eternity in our hearts.

And we yield Thee most high praise, O God, for all Thy saints; for those forgotten by us, but known to Thee, who from the beginning of the world have

been the choice vessels of Thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations.

Above all, we thank Thee for the knowledge of our redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord; for the presence in our hearts of His Holy Spirit; for the assurance of succour and support in this life, and for the hope of a blessed immortality in the world to come.

Almighty God, Who hast directed us to pray continually for the progress of Thy Church and Kingdom throughout the world,

We pray for all nations and peoples, and for all in authority over them, that by Thy Holy Spirit Thou mayest quench the pride and jealousy, the enmities and false ambitions which cause strife and war, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may live in peace, and be united in the bonds of brotherhood and good will.

We pray Thee for this dear land of our birth in which our fathers lived and died, and unto the keeping of which their bodies have been committed; that the blessings we enjoy may be continued to us and to our children; that its liberties may be maintained, and its welfare increased; that in all our dealings with other nations we may act with justice and integrity, and ever work for the advancement and protection of the depressed peoples of the world.

We pray for our king; that he may be guided and protected of Thee; that he may reign in the love and loyalty of all the peoples of his realm, and that

religion and virtue, righteousness and justice, peace and honour may ever be the girdle of his throne.

We pray Thee for the city (*town*) in which we dwell, for its magistrates and council, its doctors and nurses, and for all philanthropic institutions in our midst ; that its laws may be administered with justice, and tempered by mercy ; that pity may be shown to the distressed, and support given to the poor, and that no good cause may ever want our ready help.

We pray Thee for this our congregation, for its office-bearers and members ; its singers, its teachers, and scholars ; its visitors and helpers, and for all who serve Thee in any charge or office ; that all our work may be crowned with Thy benediction, and that in all our worship we may glorify Thy Holy Name.

And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness to comfort and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear ; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be made partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III

Almighty God, from Whom come all blessings both spiritual and temporal, Who knowest all our needs, and satisfiest the wants of all Thy creation,

graciously hear us, as with thankful hearts we render unto Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

For the Church of Thy dear Son ; for its holy worship and ordinances ; for its ministry and associations ; for its sacred obligations and gracious opportunities,

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father.

For Thy Holy Day ; for its peace and rest ; for its hours of communion with Thee, and with Thy people ; for its spiritual joys and sacred memories,

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father.

For the sanctities of home ; for the affection of parents and the love of little children ; for the joys of friendship and the blessings of companionship ; for all earthly love and human sympathy,

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father.

For all we have learned of Thee ; for every victory over sin ; for succour in temptation, and strength in weakness ; for power to love Thee and to do Thy works, and for the blessed hope of being united with Thee in loving service in the larger life beyond,

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father.

For the blessed dead who having served Thee in faith have entered into rest ; for the holy memory of loved ones gone before us, whose voices call us to walk in the right way, and whose love incites us to purity and to patience,

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father.

For the love of Christ ; for the presence in our hearts of Thy Holy Spirit ; for the immortal hopes

that illumine the dark path of duty; for holy examples around us of lives lived in Thy fear and fellowship; and for the innumerable company of the elect both in heaven and upon earth, who are joined to Thee in deathless life,

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that with a like faith we may persevere unto the end, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly Kingdom.

Most gracious God, Who hast been pleased to direct us to offer intercessions on behalf of others, deign to listen to our prayers, and encourage us to ask in faith, that we may not ask in vain.

For Thy Church throughout the world, that Thou wouldst purify, prosper and enlighten her; for all ministers and missionaries, prophets and evangelists; teachers and reformers; that Thou wouldst give them to labour with constancy, to grow in faith, in patience and in love, and joyfully to serve Thee, and do Thy work,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

For all peoples that sit in darkness, and for Thy servants whom Thou hast sent to carry unto them Thy message; that Thou wouldst prepare their way, and so bless their ministry, that those whom they teach may come to know the love of Christ, and enjoy the riches of the kingdom of God.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

For all our brethren of this realm; for our king and queen; for all in authority, in places of trust

and responsibility ; that Thou wouldst endow them with heavenly wisdom, and teach them in all things to do Thy will.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

For all who suffer through accident, or unjustly through the malice or mistakes of others ; for all who are ground down by poverty, oppression, or the selfishness of men ; for all who have suffered wrong and who have become hard and embittered ; that Thou wouldst turn their hearts to Thee, in Whom alone is justice and peace,

Hear us, heavenly Father.

For all who are losing hope in the battle of life, who are broken in spirit, or faint in heart ; for all who are smitten with disease of body or of mind, and for those known to us in trouble or sorrow, whom now we mention at Thy throne of grace (*here pause*) ; that out of their sore trials Thou mayest deliver them.

Hear us, heavenly Father.

For all who are lonely and homeless in their old age ; for little children neglected by their parents or orphaned in the world ; for all whose strength has been sapped by sin, and whose wills have been weakened by indulgence ; for the multitudes that live as if there were no God, and no Saviour, and yet who are weary and sick of soul ; that Thou wouldst be patient unto them and pitiful, and that Thou wouldst heal their sickness and despair.

Hear us, heavenly Father.

And as it is Thy nature to save and not to destroy, let Thy salvation come nigh unto all our hearts, that the light which shines for us in the face of Thy Son may lighten our darkness, and lead us all in the paths of purity and of peace. And all these mercies we ask in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

IV

Almighty God, the source of all goodness, we lift up our hearts unto Thee in praise and gratitude, giving thanks unto Thee for Thine infinite and unceasing mercies unto us, and to all men.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for this thy Day, set in the midst of our hurrying life, to be consecrated to the worship of Thy holy Name. We bless Thee for its opportunities of rest and refreshment, and for all the ministrations and blessings which it has brought to us, and to our fathers before us. And we beseech Thee that those blessings may be preserved and continued to us, and to all who shall come after us, to endless generations.

We praise and glorify Thy Name, O our God, for Thy holy Church; for its glorious history and traditions; for its saints and martyrs and holy men of old, who, having served their day and generation in Thy fear, fell on sleep, of whom the world was not worthy: and we magnify Thy Name for that great multitude of men and women, whose names, unknown to us, are known to Thee, who, having kept the faith, have left behind the noble example of a world made better by their lives. And we beseech

Thee, that with a like faith we may serve Thee in Thy Church, and by Thy great mercy be permitted to enter, with all Thy saints, into that kingdom which is everlasting.

We thank Thee, O God, for this dear Church which is our spiritual home ; for our happy worship and fellowship ; for our fellow-members ; for our teachers and scholars and workers ; for our homes and families ; for all whom we love, and for the stranger within the gates : And we beseech Thee to teach us how to be helpful and kindly affectioned one to another, that we may together grow in grace, and in love toward Thee and our fellow men, and that the blessing of Thy presence may never be withdrawn from us.

Almighty and ever blessed God, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make our intercessions unto Thee for all classes and conditions of men ; mercifully hear our petitions and accept our prayers which we now continue to offer at Thy throne of grace.

We pray Thee for all the peoples of the earth, and we beseech Thee to remove the barriers which separate nations, which cause enmities and misunderstanding, and which lead to strife and war ; that that universal brotherhood which Christ came to establish, may speedily spread over the whole world.

We pray Thee for our native land ; that our name may stand in high honour amongst the nations for our love of justice and of freedom ; for our defence of downtrodden and oppressed peoples, and for our

uprightness and fair dealing in all our commercial transactions.

We pray Thee for our king; for His Majesty's ministers and councillors, and for all those who frame and who administer the laws of this realm; that they may be blessed and guided of Thee, and that in our own land, and in our dominions, we may never lack men of upright character, who shall place their high gifts at the service of the State, and who shall maintain the great traditions of our race.

We pray Thee for those who have given themselves for the defence of the realm; for sailors, soldiers and airmen of whatever rank or class; for those at home, and for those scattered over far-off seas, or serving in lonely stations; that they may be kept safe from all enemies both spiritual and temporal, and that they may prove themselves ever valiant over every form of evil.

Finally we beseech Thee for the whole body of the people; that Thou wouldst cleanse us from those national sins of which Thou dost hold us guilty; that Thou wouldst elevate the whole tone of our public life, banishing from our midst all class hatreds, all sectarian strife, all unfaithfulness in duty and service toward our fellows; and that Thou wouldst give us to put our whole trust in that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and which alone can make us secure.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

V

Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, Who openest Thine Hand, and satisfiest the wants of every living thing, help us to lay upon Thine altar our offering of gratitude and praise.

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, for all Thy tender care over us ; for healthful days and peaceful homes ; for all that sanctifies and ennobles the relations of life ; for the love of fatherhood and motherhood ; for the sweetness and winsomeness of childhood ; for the reverence and experience of age.

We thank Thee for the good men and women in past generations through whose sacrifices we are enabled to worship Thee in safety, and in the enjoyment of perfect liberty ; for all good influences around us which promote holiness and purity of living ; and for all the experiences of life by which Thou art teaching us wisdom, and patience, and knowledge of Thy laws.

We thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself which Thou hast given in nature, in human history, and in the lives of men and women around us ; for the advance of knowledge and for all things which promote the health and happiness of mankind ; and for all good and pure literature and noble art which have emancipated our minds from the bondage of ignorance and superstition, and have given us visions of that eternal beauty which dwells for ever in Thee.

Above all temporal mercies with which Thy

gracious Hand has endowed us, we thank Thee for Thy spiritual gifts in Jesus Christ; for the love wherewith Thou hast loved us, and for Thine eternal purposes of grace toward us in Him; for the gift of the Holy Spirit by Whose light our souls are illumined, and by Whose guidance our feet are led into the way of peace.

Most loving God, help us to thank Thee for all the discipline and experiences of our lives; for the trials that have trained us in patience; for the temptations that have taught us to seek our only refuge in Thee; for the sorrows that have chastened and purified us; and for all the sacred and holy ties that bind us to the unseen.

Grant, O most gracious Father, that in the midst of all these Thy mercies our hearts may not remain cold or thankless, but that realizing Thy gracious benefits, we may ever seek to become more worthy to receive them.

Almighty God, Whose ear is ever open to the cry of Thy children, hear us, as at Thy mercy seat we plead for all our brethren of the people; for the high and low, the rich and poor, the learned and the ignorant; and especially for the sick and the afflicted and such as are drawing nigh unto death; for all whose sorrows lie heavy upon our hearts and whom we mention now in name unto Thee. (*Here pause.*)

We remember before Thee those who bear in the secret of their hearts the burden of anxious care or secret sin; those who are passing through times of

danger, temptation, or doubt ; those who are losing heart in the struggle of life ; and those who, neglecting Thee, are falling into sloth, indifference, or despair.

We remember before Thee all in any spiritual doubt or perplexity, and we pray for those who are withheld from following Thee by pride of heart, by love of pleasure, ease or display ; by worldly desires or ambitions ; by the fear of man, or by false views of Thee and of Thy truth.

O God, Who dost give the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, relieve, succour, and enlighten these our brethren for whose necessities we intercede, and grant them a happy and speedy issue out of all their sorrows and afflictions.

Most loving Father, Who hast given Thy Church to be a perpetual witness to Thy truth, and hast set her as a light to lighten the dark places of the earth, and to draw all men unto Thyself ; bless, we beseech Thee, this day, Thy Church spread abroad throughout the world. Sanctify and cleanse her by Thy Word ; remove all needless divisions, and unite all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in the bonds of love and charity.

Bless, we pray Thee, the Church with which we are connected ; enlighten and direct her professors and ministers, her missionaries and students, her office-bearers, her teachers and scholars, and all her faithful people ; granting us grace to do Thy will, and to accomplish in this land the task with which Thou hast entrusted us.

Hear us as we intercede on behalf of this congregation, that Thou wouldst bless our fellow members present and absent, the old and the young, the rich and the poor. Prosper our work among the children, bless each society and organization in our midst, and as often as we assemble ourselves together in Thy courts help us to render unto Thee acceptable and adoring worship.

Eternal God, Whose kingdom is from everlasting to everlasting, from Whom alone all power cometh, bless, we pray Thee, our native land, our King, our gracious Queen Mary, and all the members of the royal house ; give wisdom to His Majesty's counsellors ; direct the affairs of this Empire ; bless every part of the public service, and may all who in any way serve the commonwealth do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee our God.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.

Our Father . . .

VI

Almighty God, we draw near to Thee to thank Thee for Thy loving-kindness to us, and to all men.

We offer unto Thee unfeigned thanksgiving for all Thy mercies, which, from time to time, Thou hast vouchsafed unto us, for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of body and of soul. For our health, our friends ; for our material blessings, and for all the comforts and conveniences of our lives.

Thanksgiving and Intercession

We adore Thy mercy in sending Thine only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and death, and to reveal Thy divine will and purpose in us.

We bless Thee for Thy patience with us in our fretfulness and discontent; for all the directions and comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; for Thy continual care and watchful Providence over us through the whole course of our lives, and particularly for the mercies and benefits of this day: beseeching Thee to continue Thy blessings unto us, and to give us grace to show our gratitude for them, and for all Thy goodness, by seeking more earnestly in all things to do Thy will.

O Thou Who art the Preserver of men, hear our supplications which now we offer for the good and welfare of Thy Church and people, and for the extension of Thy kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth. Bless, we beseech Thee, all professors, ministers, preachers and teachers of Thy Gospel, and especially those who labour in heathen lands; that they may be blameless and harmless; intrepid and fearless; the sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a perverse generation, and may shine as lights in the world.

We pray for all the nations of the earth, together with their Rulers, and especially do we pray for this our native land, which Thou hast given to us as a goodly heritage. Bless, we beseech Thee, our King, our gracious Queen Mary, the members of the royal family, and all who hold high place in the councils of the nation, and grant that we as a people may ever

hold Thy Name in reverence; that religion and virtue, righteousness and justice, peace and honour, may ever be the bulwarks in which we trust.

Finally, we beseech Thee, to send down Thy blessings, both spiritual and temporal, upon our homes and families; our relations and friends; our neighbours and all our fellow-worshippers. Show Thine exceeding mercy to all that are in trouble, in pain of body, or affliction of mind; and do Thou, the God of pity and compassion, administer hope and comfort to all those for whom we intercede, according to their several necessities, for His sake, Who went about doing good; healing the souls and bodies of men, even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

VII

Father in Heaven, we bless Thee for the light of another Sabbath day; help us to rejoice and be glad in it, and do Thou make it a day of blessing to each one of us.

Accept our thanksgiving, we beseech Thee, for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness towards us. We thank Thee for our many temporal blessings; for food and clothing; for health and strength; for the comforts of our homes, and the kindness of our friends, and for all the blessings of Thy providence.

We thank Thee also for spiritual mercies; for this day of rest; for the worship of Thy House; for Thy holy Word; for saints and teachers, and for the missionaries of the Cross who have left home and

kindred, to witness for Thee in the dark places of the world, and whose lives are an example and an inspiration unto us.

But above all we thank Thee for sending unto us Thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ; for the work of Thy Holy Spirit in taking the things of Christ, and showing them unto us; for all Thy mercies toward sinful men, and for opening unto us the doors of Thy kingdom.

Help us to show our gratitude by yielding up our lives afresh unto Thee, and by striving more earnestly to please Thee in all we say or do.

O God, Who hast set in the world Thy Church to be a light to them that sit in darkness, bless, we beseech Thee, the whole Church of Christ this day. Extend its borders to the ends of the earth, that all peoples may come to know Thee, and to worship Thy holy Name.

Pour out Thy blessing upon this Church and congregation; speak peace unto every heart; and grant that through the holy offices of praise and prayer our lives may be purified, and drawn into closer communion with Thee.

Most pitiful Father, send help to all that are in distress or danger; defend and provide for fatherless children and widows, and for all that are desolate and oppressed; be the support of the aged; protect little children; make the bed of the sick, and in the midst of suffering let them feel that Thou lovest them; and when Thou takest away men's breath, that they die, help them in that last hour to

triumph in the remembrance that Christ has vanquished death, and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Grant these mercies unto us, we humbly beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

VIII

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful ; and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy way known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of Thy Holy Church, that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be

led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts and minds may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING

Almighty and Eternal God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain; we bless Thee that all through the darkness of long-forgotten centuries the soul of man has ever groped after Thee, if haply it might find Thee; that to prophets and seers and men of olden time Thou didst grant ever clearer revelations of Thyself, encouraging them in the hope and expectation of increasing light and fuller knowledge. And now we glorify Thy name, O God, that in these latter days Thou hast most gloriously revealed Thyself to us in Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank Thee that in pity for our lost condition Thou didst send Him unto us, Who, being the very and eternal God, dwelling with Thee before all time in glory and blessedness unspeakable, came down from heaven in perfect love, and became very man for our salvation.

We bless Thee for His holy Incarnation; for His life upon earth; for His sufferings and death upon the Cross; for His Resurrection from the dead, and for His glorious Ascension at Thy right hand.

We thank Thee for His tender compassion and pity for sinful men; for His blessed words and deeds; for His sympathy with us in our sorrows, and His understanding of our temptations.

Thanksgiving

We praise Thee, O God, because Thou hast revealed unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness ; that Thou hast sent unto us the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, and given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that we might be partakers of the divine nature.

We thank Thee for Thy Holy Church, for its teaching and its sacraments by which we are enlightened and sustained, and for the blessed communion of all saints.

We bless Thee for the hope of everlasting life, and for the glory that shall be brought to us at the coming, and in the kingdom of Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory be to Thee, O God most High, for these, and for all Thy most precious gifts unto us. Grant unto us Thine unworthy servants, that by faith we may be emboldened to possess this inheritance, and ever enjoying Thy protection may enter into that kingdom which is everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INTERCESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, Who hast commanded us in Thy Word to make supplications for all men, and to remember certain in especial before Thy throne of grace :

We beseech Thee for our sovereign lord the King ; for our gracious Queen Mary and all the members of the Royal House ; for the King's ministers and counsellors, for the Lords and the Commons ; for the judges and magistrates of our land ; for the (*Lord*) Mayor and Council of this City, and for all that are in authority over us ; that we being wisely and righteously governed, may live godly lives to Thy praise and glory.

We beseech Thee for all our brethren of this people, high and low, rich and poor together ; that Thou wouldst prosper agriculture, manufacture, commerce, and every lawful industry ; that Thou wouldst cleanse our national life from all great sins, filling our hearts with Thy love, and our homes with Thy peace.

We beseech Thee for all nations of the earth with their rulers ; that Thou wouldst make an end of all war, oppression, and cruelty ; establishing in every land the blessings of peace and good government.

Intercession

We beseech Thee for Thy Church Catholic throughout the world; that Thou wouldst baptize all Christian ministers with the Spirit of Thy dear Son, and quicken all disciples to follow in His footsteps; that Thou wouldst further with Thy continual favour the work of the Church in this land, and in the distant places of the earth, and that in the fulness of time Thou wouldst send again from heaven our Lord Jesus Christ.

We beseech Thee for the Church of our faith and baptism; that Thou wouldst ever give the Spirit of Thy grace unto all her ministers, professors, students, and those called to Christian service; that Thou wouldst deliver Thy servants from a lukewarm heart, and from the power of this present world, quickening them unto the sacrifice of the Cross, and to every good and perfect work.

We beseech Thee for this congregation of Thy people; for its minister, elders, and deacons; for its homes and families; for all meetings and societies in our midst; that Thou wouldst grant the aid of Thy Holy Spirit upon all work done in Thy Name, and finally crown it with Thy blessing.

Eternal God, with Whom are the spirits of the just made perfect, we render Thee thanks for all those who, having served their generation according to Thy will, have departed in Thy fear, and in especial for those known to us who through faith and patience have inherited the promises, and are now with Thee in rest eternal.

Most pitiful Father, we beseech Thee for all those who are sick, for those in sorrow through recent

bereavement; for those in peril by land or sea; for those who have lost the kindly light of reason; for those whose sorrows lie heavy on our hearts, and whose names we now mention unto Thee . . . that Thou wouldst be pleased in Thy Fatherly goodness to send them succour in all time of their need, and finally by Thy mercy to grant them deliverance out of all their afflictions.

Heavenly Father, by Whose mercy we have been spared to gather in this house of prayer, we entreat Thee to grant unto us the hearing ear and the understanding heart, that Thy preached Word, being received in faith, may be as good seed in good ground, bringing forth fruit unto everlasting life.

(*Dr. John Watson.*)

INTERCESSIONS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

FESTIVAL OF ALL SOULS

Eternal Father, from Whom every family in heaven and earth is named; Who didst send Thy Son to seek and to save that which was lost: we pray in hope of Thy mercy for all souls that Thou hast made, that they may be gathered home to Thee at last, one unbroken family, the lost found, the rebellious reconciled, those in prison released, Thy banished ones recalled, through the eternal sacrifice and endless intercession of Jesus Christ our Saviour and great High Priest, in Whose blessed Name we offer these and all our prayers. *Amen.*

SAINTS' DAYS

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to accept our praises and our thanksgivings for all Thy faithful servants, who having witnessed in their lives a good confession have left the light of their good works to shine before Thy Church on earth. Mercifully grant that we being encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses may follow with diligence their holy examples, and so departing this life with the seal of faith, may attain unto the resurrection of the just, and be received of Thee in Thine eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HIGH COURT OF PARLIAMENT

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled; that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour and welfare, not only of our own nation and dominions, but also of all the kingdoms of the world, that all things may be ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, and that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us to all generations.

SUMMARIES

CONFESSION

SINS OF DAILY LIFE

Love of self ; of ease ; of money ; of display.
Absorption in the world ; in business ; in pleasure.
Indifference to spiritual things ; neglect of duty ; blindness to the unseen.

SINS AGAINST OUR FELLOW-MEN

Unkindness in judgment ; lack of courtesy and forbearance.
Selfishness and hardness of heart toward the needs of others ; lack of sympathy with their sorrows and losses.
Neglect of the poor, the weak, and the erring.

SINS AGAINST GOD

Unthankfulness for daily mercies ; unfaithfulness in duty, and constant forgetfulness.
Neglect of prayer ; indifference in worship ; want of love and zeal for spiritual things.
Impatience under correction ; fretfulness under trials ; insincerity in service.
Secret love of sin, and want of faith and perseverance.

SINS OF IMAGINATION

Impure thoughts and sensual imaginations unresisted ; sins imagined and secretly if not openly committed ; soul corrupted through licence and lack of watchfulness.

SINS OF WILL

Rebellion against divine will and commandment ; refusal to submit to divine control ; love of self-will ; choosing our own path ; wilful straying from the fold, and refusing to return.

SINS OF MIND

Trust in our own wisdom ; our vanity, pride, boastfulness ; impatience, intolerance, lack of consideration for the opinions of others ; lack of meekness and humility.

SINS OF HEART

The hardness of our hearts ; want of love, of compassion towards others ; selfish absorption in ourselves which makes us callous ; heart uninhabited by Christ.

SINS OF THOUGHT

Want of thoughtfulness toward the weak, the suffering, and the needy.

Quenching of thoughts of kindness and forbearance.

Harbouring evil, envious, unholy thoughts.

SINS OF SPEECH

Insincerity ; saying " Peace ! peace ! " where there is no peace ; flattering the rich and powerful.

Indulging in vain, frivolous and empty conversation ; in coarse, immodest, or evilly suggestive language.

Insincerity in prayer ; making request for things we do not desire or expect ; using the language of devotion without the spirit.

Bearing false witness against our neighbour ; uttering hot, passionate, and unkind words when we ought to have remained silent ; remaining silent when we ought to have spoken.

SINS OF BEHAVIOUR

Our betrayal of Christ through the worldliness of our lives ; through our frivolous and unseemly behaviour ; through the support our words and deeds have given to the careless and sinful.

Our impatience in times of sickness, pain or loss ; our indolence and evil temper ; our worldly discontent at the success of others ; our acts of dishonesty and deceitfulness in business, and in our relations to our fellow-men.

Our delight in vain and worldly display ; our brooding care over what we shall eat, and drink, and what we shall put on.

SINS OF THE INDIVIDUAL

The sins and faults of youth ; sins of maturer years ; our evil past which rises up against us ;

our forgotten vows and neglected opportunities ; the sorrows which have brought no repentance, and the heavenly pleadings which we have disregarded ; the things left undone, and those which we ought not to have done ; the sins and weakness which mar our best moments, so that even when we would do good, evil is present with us.

SINS OF THE CONGREGATION

The poverty, languidness, and frequent irreverence of our worship ; the worldly thoughts and business cares which we allow to distract our minds ; the coldness of our praises, and the feebleness of our prayers ; our unwillingness to part with our possessions for the extension of Christ's kingdom ; our indifference toward the sinful without, and the lost and erring around our doors.

SINS OF THE NATION

Our love of wealth, and greedy pursuit of material prosperity ; the pride and haughtiness which we show toward other peoples ; our increasing love of luxury and display in our public life ; the decline of worship, the public neglect of the Day of Rest, and the forsaking of the old ways in which our fathers trod ; our indifference toward social wrong and injustice, and our neglect of the poor, the suffering, and the weak.

PETITION

FOR REPENTANCE

Grace to turn from sin ; to break with evil connections ; to grieve over past misdeeds ; to turn wholly to God ; to possess a contrite heart.

FOR FORGIVENESS

For all sins, known and unknown ; for omissions of duty ; for every unkind word, evil thought or imagination ; for every sinful deed, for everything in past conduct which has merited judgment.

FOR CLEANSING

From the stains and impurities wrought in us by sin and the world ; cleansing of the conscience ; of the mind ; of the heart ; of the will ; cleansing of the eyes, the hands, the lips.

FOR RENEWAL

In faith and love ; brought back to sense of divine favour ; strengthened with might to withstand temptation ; reassured of Christ's presence, protection, love.

FOR CONSECRATION

Of body, soul and spirit ; of mind, heart and will ; of gifts, talents and possessions.

FOR PROTECTION

In time of temptation, trial of faith, spiritual weakness ; in time of sickness, sorrow, affliction ; in time of worldly loss, discouragement, disappointment ; in time of doubt, difficulty, and perplexity.

FOR GRACE

To forgive ; to possess the soul in patience ; to maintain peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost ; assurance unto the end ; to witness a good confession ; to persevere unto the end.

FOR TRUST

In darkness, suffering, sorrow, loss, bereavement, death ; when hope burns low ; when the shadows fall around us ; when the path of duty is obscured ; when we feel forsaken and alone ; when overwhelmed by a sense of the loneliness and mystery of life ; when afraid of the unknown to-morrow.

FOR COURAGE

To follow in the footsteps of Christ ; to bear His Cross, and do His will ; to testify our allegiance to Him before the world with boldness ; willingly to sacrifice for His sake ; to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

FOR CHRIST-LIKENESS

To live in communion with Him and to delight in His commandments ; to know the secret of His presence, the benignity of His rule, the consolation of His Word, the fellowship of His Cross ; to possess His enthusiasm for humanity, His pity for the sinners, His sorrow for the lost, His triumphant faith, His perfect self-surrender.

FOR DELIVERANCE

From vain imaginings ; foolish repinings ; needless care ; vain regrets ; embittered speech ; love of coarse enjoyments ; the scornful spirit ; compromising with sin ; ingratitude, and distrust of the divine love.

FOR PRESERVATION

From pride ; self-love ; vainglory ; obstinacy ; disobedience ; gluttony ; sloth ; indevotion ; malice ; envy ; hatred ; disdain ; despising those beneath us ; flattering the rich and powerful ; enslavement to appetite and passion.

THANKSGIVING

FOR DAILY MERCIES

Food; raiment; comforts and protection of home; health of body and mind; strength to labour; life's daily tasks and opportunities; love which shields and supports us.

FOR OUR EDUCATION

Friends, teachers and instructors of youth; example of those around us; education and inspiration which come from past history, literature, art and daily activities; life's disciplines and experiences; trials which train us in patience, humility, and in fortitude; sacred ties which bind us to the Unseen.

FOR THE WORLD

Its beauty and order; its revelation of the divine mind and purposes; its revelation of goodness, and provision for the wants of creation; its revelation of the divine glory and power.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Its history and traditions; its civil and religious freedom; its justice and good government; the growth of charity, consideration for the wants of the weak and poor, and national responsibility.

FOR SPIRITUAL MERCIES

Day of rest—its opportunities, associations, and obligations.

House of God—its ministry and sacraments; sacred ties and holy worship.

Gift of Christ—His Incarnation, Ministry, Atonement, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession.

Holy Spirit—guidance of His Church and people; revelation of truth; inspiration for holy conduct.

Holy Word—its revelation of divine purposes; its inspiration and promises.

Saints and teachers; prophets and evangelists; all who serve in faithfulness.

Opportunities by which we grow in grace, glorify God, and serve others.

Blessed hope of Immortality brought to light through the Gospel.

INTERCESSION

FOR NATIVE LAND

King ; Members of Royal House ; His Majesty's Ministers and Counsellors ; both Houses of Parliament ; Army and Navy, Air Force and all engaged in service of the Commonwealth ; Judges and Magistrates ; all who occupy places of trust and responsibility.

FOR OTHER NATIONS

Kings and rulers, together with peoples under their sway ; the growth in the world of freedom, justice and good government ; the overthrow of tyranny and oppression ; the spread of the spirit of love and brotherhood ; the hastening of the reign of the Prince of Peace.

FOR CITY

City, Town, Parish, or district ; the Lord Mayor, Mayor (or Provost), Council ; magistrates and public men ; its public institutions and benefactions ; its efforts to improve the health, happiness, and comfort of inhabitants.

FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES

1. The Poor. Widows, Orphans, Fatherless, Homeless. Those working under hard, depressing, monotonous, dangerous or unremunerative conditions ; those suffering through unjust social or economic laws ; those who are physi-

cally or mentally unfitted for engaging in life's battle ; those who are depressed, or worn-out, or dispirited.

2. The rich. That they may be good stewards of God's bounty ; defended from pride, selfishness, vain display, love of luxury, hardening which comes from success ; that they may maintain a lowly and obedient heart.

3. Those engaged in commerce. That prosperity may be granted to all engaged in business and various industries ; that masters may be considerate ; and those who serve, dutiful ; that divisions between class and class may be healed ; that all engaged in business may be men of integrity, rectitude, and known for their fair dealing.

4. The unfortunate. Those losing heart ; those crushed down by debt, by loss, by failure of their hopes ; those embittered by adversity ; those becoming hard and defiant because of prosperity of others ; those who have found life a disappointment, and the multitude of the miserable around our doors.

5. The afflicted. Those who are suffering ; the afflicted in mind or body ; the inmates of our workhouses, hospitals, or kindred institutions ; the blind, deaf, mentally afflicted and those who have lost their reason ; the aged and infirm ; those who tend them, doctors, nurses, and all engaged in alleviating human distress ; those who mourn ; those drawing near to death, and those in bondage to its fear.

6. The Weak and Erring. Those grievously tempted; those who have gone astray—the prodigal, criminal, abandoned; those who neglect the means of grace—the worldly, careless, indifferent; those in doubt and spiritual perplexity; those hindered through circumstances, weakness of faith, or lack of courage; those who have fallen back into the world; those who have not the courage of their best convictions; those who are growing blind to spiritual realities; those growing old in sin who are without God and without hope in the world.

FOR THE CHURCH

Church Catholic: Ministers, Teachers, Missionaries, Evangelists, all engaged in her service; for spread of Gospel in heathen lands; for missions and native Christians; for Church with which we are connected; for congregation, its minister, office-bearers, members; for all its societies, its work and interests, its teachers and scholars. For the coming of Christ in great power.

FOR HOME

Parents and children; those in colonies or distant lands; those who have gone out into the world; those at school; the lambs of the flock: any in sickness, trouble, anxiety.

PRAYERS FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily worship Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Enlighten our minds and hearts, O God, we humbly beseech Thee, and prepare us to receive Thy holy Truth; grant us to know Thee in Thy Son, and through Thy Spirit, and help us to obey Thy commandments; that having passed our days in Thy fear, we may end them in Thy favour, and rejoice with Thee for ever in Thy heavenly kingdom.

O Lord, grant unto us now the knowledge of Thy divine Word, and fill us with an understanding of Thy Holy Gospel, of the riches of Thy divine gifts, and of the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit; and enable us with joy to keep Thy commandments, that so fulfilling Thy will, we may be accounted worthy of the blessings and mercies that are from Thee, both now and at all times.

O Lord, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who didst send forth Thy holy Apostles and disciples to preach and teach the Gospel of Thy kingdom: do Thou, Thyself, O Lord, send out Thy light and Thy truth,

and enlighten our minds to the understanding of Thy holy Gospel, so that we may not be hearers of the Word only, but being doers of the same may bring forth fruit to Thy glory.

O Lord God, our Sun and Shield, by Whom light is shown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart: Illumine our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy heavenly grace, and fill them with the pure wisdom that cometh from above; that we may walk in the light all our days, in all godly simplicity and sincerity.

Most gracious God, incline Thy merciful ears to our prayers, and illumine our minds by the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit; bless to our souls the preaching of Thy holy Word, and most mercifully cleanse and purge our hearts from all that defileth, that when Thy Son our Saviour cometh He may find in us a mansion which He can inhabit, and these things we humbly implore through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord and Lover of men, enlighten our hearts by the pure light of Thy divine Wisdom, and open the eyes of our understanding, that we may comprehend the precepts of Thy Gospel; plant in us also the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that we, subduing all carnal lusts, may seek that citizenship which is in heaven, both saying and doing such things as shall please Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Illumination

O Lord God, heavenly Father, Who through Thy Gospel hast given unto us knowledge of salvation unto the remission of sins, we pray Thee keep us that we despise not Thy holy Word, but rather receive it with gladness into our hearts, to the enlightenment of our minds, and the amendment of our lives, and the building up within us of holy and Christ-like character. Grant this we beseech Thee for Jesus' sake.

Instruct us, O God, in Thy truth, and prepare us to receive it; take from our minds all pride of intellect, and from our hearts all coldness and indifference, and so shine upon us with Thy heavenly Light that we, forsaking our sins, may yield ourselves anew to Thee, and ever live godly and obedient lives to Thine honour and glory.

PRAYERS FOR DEDICATION OF OFFERTORY

O God, in Whose sight a contrite heart is more than whole burnt offerings: help us, with these our gifts, to dedicate ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, unto Thee, which is our reasonable service, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Accept these our offerings, O God, which now we seek to dedicate to the service of Thy Church, and to the extension of Thy kingdom, and grant us ever to have grateful and generous hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that from Thee freely we have received; help us freely to give; that our offerings may be acceptable in Thy sight, and a blessing to ourselves and to Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things; most gladly, and with thankful hearts, do we lay upon Thine altar these our offerings; praying Thee that Thou wouldst accept them, and bless them to the good of Thy Church and kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

These our thank-offerings, O Lord, receive; and grant that with ever willing hearts we may render back to Thee some part of that which Thou hast rendered unto us, as a token of our gratitude, and in remembrance of Him Who loved us, and gave Himself for us; even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord the Giver of mercies, do Thou in Thy loving kindness accept and bless these our offerings. Remember those who have brought them, and those for whom they are offered; and since we are all receivers of Thy bounty, make us to be joyful sharers of the same, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, Who art King over all the earth: accept in Thine infinite goodness the offerings of Thy people, which, in obedience to Thy commandment, in honour of Thy Name, with free will, and with a joyful heart, we yield and dedicate to Thee; and grant to us Thy blessing, that the same being devoted to Thy service, may be used to Thy glory, and for the welfare of Thy Church and people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the majesty is Thine; and the cattle on a thousand hills are Thine; and the silver and the gold are Thine. And Thou hast made us and not we ourselves. Therefore of Thine own do we give Thee, praying Thee of Thy mercy to receive our offering, and to bless us both

in the giving and the receiving of Thy mercies, to the glory of Thy Name, and to the extension of Thy kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, Who though Thou wast rich, yet for our sakes didst become poor ; grant, we beseech Thee, that our thankfulness for the mercies which Thou hast vouchsafed unto us, may encourage a hearty liberality towards the necessities of Thy Church, and its extension over all the world ; and this, not to our own glory, but in singleness of heart to Thine, and to the honour of Thy Name, Who art God over all, blessed for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and ever-loving God, our Father, we offer and present unto Thee these our gifts in token of our gratitude for Thy mercies, and for the spread of Thy kingdom. For we are Thine, and all that we have is Thine, and of Thine own gifts only can we give Thee. And although we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet be pleased in Thy loving-kindness to accept our offering, who, with it, desire to dedicate ourselves and all that we possess unto Thee, Who art the bountiful Father of us all, and this we beg, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUGGESTED FORMS FOR EVENING WORSHIP

I

SANCTUS (Choir)

HYMN

Minister. Let us pray.

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Choir. And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Choir. Amen.

Minister. Canticle with Responses (*Responses Chanted by Choir. 2nd half of Chant used.*)

M. O Saviour of the world, the Son, Lord Jesus.

C. Stir up Thy strength, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee.

M. By Thy Cross and precious blood Thou hast redeemed us.

C. Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee.

M. Thou didst save Thy disciples when ready to perish.

C. Hear us and save us, we humbly beseech Thee.

M. Let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy :

C. Loose us from our sins, we humbly beseech Thee.

M. Make it appear that Thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer :

C. O save us, that we may praise Thee, we humbly beseech Thee.

M. Draw near, according to Thy promise from the throne of Thy glory.

C. Look down and hear our crying, we humbly beseech Thee.

M. Come again, and dwell with us, O Lord, Christ Jesus.

C. Abide with us for ever, we humbly beseech Thee.

M. And when Thou shalt appear with power and great glory :

C. May we be made like unto Thee in Thy glorious kingdom.

C. (*unison*). THANKS BE TO THEE, O LORD, HALLELUJAH. *Amen.*

HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

HYMN

Evening Worship

Prayer

(A Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Almighty God, help us to bow our heads before Thee in thankfulness and adoration.

We thank Thee, O Thou unseen Spirit, that though Thou dost inhabit eternity, Thou deignest to dwell also in hearts that are lowly and contrite.

We thank Thee for this quiet House of God, and for every heavenly aspiration which liberates us from the bondage of our low desires.

We thank Thee that there is no abiding place for hatred in Thy world, and that life is endless to those who love and give.

We thank Thee for all the beauty in the world around us, and for the beauty that springs into life from the heart that love inhabits.

We thank Thee for love's vigils by beds of pain; for the love of motherhood that asks for nothing but to love, and for the love wherewith Thou dost love us, unworthy though we be.

We thank Thee for our Brother, the Son of Man, Whose arms were outstretched for us upon the bitter Cross, and Whose love is sacrificial and eternal.

We thank Thee for those who tread the way of sorrow in the calm of faith; for those who battle for the right in scorn of consequence; and for those who rise above wrongs, and draw riches from defeat.

We thank Thee for those who fear nothing in the world but what is false; who follow the truth wherever it leads; who seek it as men seek hidden

treasure, and who die in peace, though the battle be still unwon.

We thank Thee for the times in which we sow, knowing that we shall not reap, for the planting done in the belief that when the harvest shall come we shall be far away, and others who have not sown shall reap.

We thank Thee for all the experiences of our lives, and pray for strength to endure to the end.

We thank Thee, O God, for Thyself, and for our trust that Thy purposes toward us are merciful and kind.

These our thanksgivings we offer unto Thee, praying that Thou wouldst accept them, and make our lives acceptable through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father . . . (*sung or chanted*).

HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

followed by

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee; therefore be pleased, in Thy mercy, to accept these our gifts, which we offer with grateful hearts, praying Thee to consecrate them to the good of Thy Church, and to the extension of Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (*Choral*).

Evening Worship

ANTHEM OR SOLO

SERMON

CLOSING EVENING PRAYER

Watch Thou, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep, to-night, and give Thine angels charge over them that sleep. Tend Thy sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Thy weary ones. Bless Thy dying ones. Soothe Thy suffering ones. Pity Thine afflicted ones. Protect Thy little ones. Bring home Thy wandering ones. And all for Thy Love's sake. *Amen.*

HYMN

BENEDICTION

II

OPENING SENTENCES OR SANCTUS

HYMN

Minister. Let us pray.

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Choir. And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Grant, O most merciful Father, that all who have come to Thy House this night to pour out their prayers, may, from whatsoever trouble they

cry unto Thee, obtain the blessings of Thy comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (*Choral*).

Minister. Beatitudes with Responses No. . . .

M. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

C. Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

C. Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

C. Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

C. Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

C. Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

C. Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

C. Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

C. Write these words in our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

HYMN

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

(*A Prayer of Supplication*)

O Lord, our God, to Whom mercy belongeth, help us who have entered Thy Sanctuary for the worship of Thy Holy Name in peace of heart, and in meekness and humility of mind, to make our common supplications unto Thee.

For the peace that is from above ; for the loving-kindness of our God ; for the light that shineth in darkness ; and for the mercy that never faileth :

We make our supplications unto Thee, O God.

For the peace of the whole world ; for the good estate of Christ's Church upon earth ; for all who profess and call themselves Christians ; that we may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bonds of peace, and in righteousness of life :

We make our supplications unto Thee, O God.

For this House of Prayer, and for all those who in faith and reverence enter herein : that we may be enabled to offer spiritual sacrifices unto God, and through its ministry and sacraments be led into closer fellowship with Christ, and with one another :

We make our supplications unto Thee, O God.

For the land of our birth, and for this city (*town*) in which we dwell ; for all those who occupy places of trust and responsibility in it ; and for all the people in their various callings and occupations : that justice, honesty and charity, may rule in all our dealings one with another :

We make our supplications unto Thee, O God.

For all Kings, Princes and Rulers, who have been appointed to reign upon earth ; and especially for Thy servant, our King ; that those so greatly exalted may exercise their authority under the will of God ; ever seeking to promote the interests of true religion ; that so their kingdoms may be established in righteousness, and their peoples enjoy the blessings of peace and security :

We make our supplications unto Thee, O God.

For every soul in affliction or distress that stands in need of the mercy and succour of God ; for the multitude of the sick and afflicted ; for the sorrowful and the bereaved ; for those whose lives are beset by hardship, and for all the despondent and perplexed : that through the ministry of their necessities they may find recovery and refreshment in Thee :

We make our supplications unto Thee, O God.

For fair and kindly seasons ; for abundance of the fruits of the earth ; for just recompense to be given to all who labour ; and for compassion to be shown to the feeble in body or in mind : that in the midst of a world of plenty none may suffer hunger, or be in want :

We make our supplications unto Thee, O God.

For all dumb animals, especially for those who are our daily companions, and who bear with us the heat and burden of the day : that Thou wouldst deliver them from those who use them ill ; putting it into our hearts to care for them and defend them ; for Thou art also their Creator, and not one of them falleth to the ground without Thy knowledge :

We make our supplications unto Thee, O God.

Almighty God, Who hast promised to hear us when we call upon Thee ; mercifully accept these our supplications, and to all Thy people, especially to the members of this congregation, do Thou grant Thy heavenly grace ; that with meek heart and lowly reverence we may at all times hear and receive Thy holy Word, and serve Thee in godliness of living, so that at last we may be inheritors of Thy promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost : as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father . . . (*sung or chanted*).

HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, Who hast promised in Thy Gospel that whatsoever is done by us for others, Thou wilt accept as done unto Thee ; grant that with willingness of heart, and in love and gratitude, we may offer our gifts in Thy Sanctuary, for the salvation of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (*Choral*).

ANTHEM OR SOLO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Grant unto us now, O Lord, to listen eagerly to Thy divine word, and fill us with an understanding of Thy Holy Gospel ; that we may know the Truth, and that the Truth may set us free ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SERMON

CLOSING EVENING PRAYER

In peace, O God, would we leave Thy House this night; in peace with Thee; in peace with our fellow-men; in peace with ourselves. Grant Thy peace to Thy Church, and to the whole world; and may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, stand sentinel at the door of our hearts that no evil may molest us; and this we beg, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

HYMN

BENEDICTION

III

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE OR SANCTUS

HYMN

Minister. Let us pray.

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

C. And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Draw nigh unto us, O Lord, as we seek to draw nigh unto Thee, and in this quiet and sacred hour of fellowship, be Thou the hope and the peace of our souls. *Amen.*

Let us recall the exceeding precious promises of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

M. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. I am the bread of life: he that cometh unto me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Almighty God, Who by Thy divine power hast given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, grant that we fail not of Thine exceeding great and precious promises, but escaping the corruption that is in the world, may be made partakers of the Divine Nature; through the knowledge of Him Who hath called us by glory and virtue, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

HYMN

PRAYER

(*A Litany of Blessing and Praise*)
Taken from Scripture

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was
and is and is to come.
Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power,
And the glory and the majesty;
For all that is in the heaven and the earth
Is Thine.
Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord,
And Thou art exalted as Head over all.

People. Glory be to Thee, O God.

Blessed be Thou, that Thou didst so love the world
That Thou gavest Thine only-begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him
Should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
All glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
Be unto Thee.

People. Glory be to Thee, O God.

Blessed be Thou, O Christ, Son of the Highest,
Who didst take upon Thyself our frame ;
Who hast redeemed us unto God by Thy blood ;
Out of every kindred and tongue,
And every people and nation ;
And Who, ascending up on high,
Didst lead captivity captive,
And didst give gifts unto men.

People. Glory be unto Thee, O Christ.

Blessed be Thou, O Holy Spirit divine,
That proceedest from the Father and the Son,
Who dost guide us into all truth,
Who art the earnest of our inheritance,
To abide with us for ever.

People. Glory be unto Thee, O Spirit divine.

Blessing and honour be unto Thee, O God,
For the Church of Thy Son, our Saviour, Christ,
Which is the ground and pattern of truth ;
For the love and praise of Thy Saints ;
For the precious seed of the martyrs ;
For faithful men and women of olden time ;

For the courage of Thy servants in far-off lands,
And for the victories of the Cross.

People. Glory be unto Thee, O God.

Blessed be Thou, Lord God of our fathers
For the land of our birth ;
For the greatness of our heritage ;
For the lamp of liberty whose light has shone
From one generation to another,
And for all the way Thou hast led us.

People. Glory be to Thee, O God.

Blessed be Thou, O God, our King,
For Thy exceeding precious promises,
That they that are righteous shall shine
As the brightness of the firmament,
And they that turn many to righteousness,
As the stars for ever and ever.

Minister and People. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost : as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Followed by

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, Who hast taught us in Thy Word that it is more blessed to give than to receive ;

help us in all our giving to be generous, and in all our receiving thankful, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (*Choral*).

HYMN, ANTHEM OR SOLO

SERMON

CLOSING EVENING PRAYER

Saviour Divine, we lift our hearts to Thee, seeking Thy blessing ere our worship closes. Forgive all in it that has been unworthy, and bless to our souls that which has been acceptable in Thy sight. Grant unto us, who now bow before Thee, Thy peace ; support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the earthly shadows lengthen, and the evening comes ; when the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN

BENEDICTION

IV

OPENING SENTENCES OR SANCTUS

HYMN

Minister. Let us pray.

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

C. And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Lord Jesus has given unto us these, His blessed commandments.

M. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you, for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

M. Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

C. Write these words on our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven . . .

HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

HYMN

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

(*For all classes and conditions*)

INTERCESSION

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, Who in great love for us Thy children, dost encourage us to come to Thee in prayer, hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, and bend Thy merciful ears to our supplications.

Remember, O Lord, all our brethren in affliction and distress ; those that are stricken in conscience, or troubled in their minds ; those that are tormented by temptations or grieved by their infirmities, and all men and women who stand in need of the mercy and succour of God ; that by Thy Holy Spirit they may be comforted and enlightened, and enabled to put their whole trust and confidence in Thee.

Remember, O Lord, the suffering in our hospitals and infirmaries ; those who are blind, or deaf, or mentally afflicted, and all those who are handicapped in the battle of life through disablement or infirmity ; that they may learn to pour out their troubles unto Thee, and find solace and comfort in Thy most compassionate heart.

Remember, O Lord, all prisoners and captives ; those who are outcasts because of their sins ; the lawless ; the unbelieving, who care not for their own souls or for the souls of others ; those who by their iniquities bring shame upon their friends and retribution upon themselves ; that they may come to fear Thy judgments, and turn with strong crying unto Thee.

Remember, O Lord, the toiling multitudes who carry on the work of the world, especially those whose labour is oppressive and underpaid; those who because of its monotony can take no joy in their work, and who weary of it on account of its drudgery; that our sympathy and compassion may be awakened on their behalf, and that their lives may be brightened by the loving-kindness of friends and helpers.

Remember, O Lord, the childhood of our land, especially the children of the poor, who suffer from cold and hunger; who grow up in crowded alleys and mean streets, surrounded by vice and profligacy; that the hearts and consciences of Christian men and women may find no rest until happier and healthier conditions prevail, and that in the spirit of Him Who loved all little children, we may ceaselessly pray and labour for their good.

Remember, O Lord, those to whom Thou hast given the responsibility of wealth or power; those who are masters in the realm of business or industry, and who have control over the lives, the health and the happiness of others; that they may ever remember that wealth and power belong unto God; that to whom much is given much shall be required, and that in all their dealings with those who serve them they may act honourably and generously, in the spirit of brotherhood and conciliation.

Remember, O Lord, those that bear fruit and do good deeds in the service of their fellow-men; those who remember the poor, the widow, the orphans, the stranger at the gate, and those that be in want; that

their charities may arise as a memorial before God, and be returned to them in the blessings of love and gratitude.

Remember, O Lord, Thy servants who toil in the barren places of the vineyard ; who are surrounded by indifference and hostility, and who strive against the strongholds of Satan ; that Thou wouldst accept their prayers, and bless their work, giving unto them heavenly aid, so that they may be enabled to triumph over all discouragements.

Finally, O Lord, we beseech Thee to remember all our brethren in weakness or failing health ; those who are growing old and enfeebled ; those who amid the activities of others can only stand and wait ; that at eventide it may be light, and that they may enter into peace, both now and hereafter.

These and all our prayers we now present unto Thee, our Father, in deep sincerity of heart ; believing that what we have asked according to Thy will Thou wilt grant, since we ask all things in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Followed by

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, Who regardest not what we give, but the spirit in which we give it ; help us, whether our gifts be large or small, to give ungrudgingly, and with glad and generous hearts, through Jesus Christ, the giver of our salvation. *Amen.*

Evening Worship

HYMN, ANTHEM OR SOLO

SERMON

CLOSING EVENING PRAYER

O God, as the day declines, and as night draws her curtain across the sky, calling all things unto sleep and rest, we lift up our hearts once more to Thee, and pray Thee to abide with us. Be Thou our Home and Resting Place, for all around us is change and decay; generations come and pass, and our life is short and transient as a dream. O Lord, comfort us with the assurance of Thy love. When we are overwhelmed at the thought of our insignificance, uphold us with the message that there is no place in all Thy vast creation from which Thou art absent. And when in fear of the dark we cry out, let Thy pitying arms enfold us, as the arms of a mother enfold her child. Help us to believe that notwithstanding all our waywardness and disobedience we are still dear to Thee, and that nothing can ever pluck us out of Thy hand. In this blessed message confiding, and with hearts made tranquil by Thy peace, we would close our worship, calling upon all things within us to bless and magnify Thy Holy Name, O Lord, our Father, and our God. *Amen.*

HYMN

BENEDICTION

GENERAL PRAYERS FOR EVENING WORSHIP

I

Father of all mercies, and God of all comfort, Who by Thy blessed Son hast declared that all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men upon their true repentance, let this gracious and blessed promise comfort and cheer our hearts, who are cast down by a sense of our failure and sinfulness. Help us to believe that this promise is made unto us, and that it can be realised even now as we bow before Thee. Bring us then, O God, we beseech Thee, to this state of true repentance, in which we are ready to turn from our sins, and to seek a new way of fellowship and reconciliation. And to this end send down upon us the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that He may take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us. And as we recall His love, His pity for sinful men and women, His sorrow at their rejection of His call, His willingness to forgive even those who crucified Him, may our cold and obdurate hearts be filled with shame; may those who have never known Him yield to His call; those who have wandered from Him in penitence return, and may all His faithful followers consecrate their lives afresh to His most blessed service.

O God, our heavenly Father, hear us as we further pray, not only for forgiveness of our sins, but also for grace to live more consecrated lives. We confess with shame how little there has been in our past conduct to justify before the world our claim to discipleship, or to convince our fellow-men that we are followers of the Lord Jesus. With pain and sorrow we acknowledge how little they have seen in our lives of love and sacrifice, and how much of selfishness and complacency. Forgive us, we humbly beseech Thee, and help us by Thy Holy Spirit to rise to higher standards of duty. Re-light the fires of love and devotion in our hearts, and give us an eager desire to live a worthier life. Help us by our faithfulness in duty, our integrity in business, our active sympathy with all those who are in distress, our charity in judging the faults and weaknesses of others, and our love for our fellow-men, to reveal to the world whose we are and whom we serve.

Almighty God, Who hast given to us the Church of Thy dear Son, Who hast commissioned it to preach the good tidings of salvation to all men, enrich it, we beseech Thee, by a fresh outpouring upon it of Thy Holy Spirit. Set it on fire with zeal, and grant unto it an all-conquering devotion. Deliver it from coldness and apathy, from worldliness of outlook and from all compromise with evil; may the voice of Thy Church be heard ever valiantly defending the right, and condemning, at whatever cost, what is wrong. Keep it from consulting the dictates of prudence rather than standing boldly for the truth, and may it be willing to bear the scorn

and hatred of the world rather than yield to unrighteousness. Cast out, we beseech Thee, from its midst all divisions created by prejudice, by rank or class, and make us all one in love and devotion, in loyalty and charity, to the glory of Christ and the salvation of the whole world.

And we pray Thee also for all Thy good and valiant servants who, as heralds of the Cross, have gone to dark and heathen lands to carry to their peoples the glad tidings of salvation. Be with them in all perils by land or water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Endue them with power from on high, and so prosper Thy work in their hands, that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Our Father which art in heaven . . .

II

O God, the Father of all mankind, Who hast chosen as Thy dwelling-place the hearts that are humble and contrite, Whose secret is with them that fear Thee; bend Thine ear to the supplications of Thy children, we beseech Thee, and guide our hearts and lips by Thy Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we come to Thee in the multitude of Thy tender mercies, bringing our glad offering of praise and gratitude for all Thy goodness. We thank Thee for Thine unwearied patience with us in our early days, for reclaiming us from our vain

and foolish courses, and, now, for all aspirations after a better life, and for every uplifting thought that makes life more inspiring. Increase within us, we beseech Thee, the desire to prove ourselves more worthy of Thy love. Lift us into sympathy with all in life that is good and true, and with everything that is noble in the world around us. Help us to live the life of Him Whose joy it was to give Himself for men, and Whose meat it was to do His Father's will.

Most gracious God, Who art the helper of the helpless, and the protector of the weak, we bear in tender remembrance before Thee all weary, tempted and troubled hearts; all who have brought into Thy House any hidden sorrow or secret shame; all who are pressed down by worldly care, by sinful doubt or discontent; and all who are finding the way of life lonely and hard. To Thy loving solicitude we commend these, our brethren, beseeching Thee of Thy mercy to succour and relieve them, and to draw them unto Thyself, in Whom alone is true rest and gladness.

Heavenly Father, bless this night the homes of Thy people; give comfort to the afflicted ones; soothe the sufferer; comfort all aged folk, and protect little children; be near those who are coming to the end of their days, and grant to them the comforts of Thy peace. We commend ourselves and all our loved ones unto Thee, for in Thee alone is our safety. Thou Who hast promised to be our Guide, wilt never leave us nor forsake us, but wilt be our Strength and our Stay even unto death. In

this confidence we would go cheerfully to our duties on the morrow, and to whatsoever in our lives Thou dost appoint, knowing that all things will work together for good to them that love Thee, and that nothing can ever pluck us out of Thy hand.

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

III

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, we approach Thy throne of grace this night. Unworthy though we be we yet dare to come, trusting in Thy willingness to receive us. For Thou art kind even unto the unthankful. Thou makest Thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and Thou wilt not reject our petitions who ask in Thy Son's name, and who trust in Thy mercies.

Heavenly Father, we come to Thee for cleansing, for only the pure in heart can behold Thee. Yet as our hands are stained by our daily work, so are our souls stained each day by our contact with the world. We long to pass with unstained garments through the mire and the clay, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, but alas! each day we come to Thee conscious of defeat, and with the same pitiful cry for cleansing and forgiveness. Be not wearied of our weakness and our failures, O God, but hear our prayer. Wipe away in Thy mercy our offences and the stain of our sins, and grant unto us

the peace of the forgiven. O Lord our God, cleanse us, we beseech Thee.

O Holy Spirit, that proceedest from the Father and the Son, Who art the earnest of our inheritance, we turn to Thee for guidance, for we know not what a day or an hour may bring forth, and all the way our feet must tread is hidden from our eyes, while we by nature are blind, and foolish, and apt to stray. Stretch forth, then, Thy merciful hands, O Spirit divine, and amidst life's perils let them lead us in the way of safety. Restrain us when with rebellious wills we seek our own way, and choose for ourselves the path in which we shall walk. Be with us when the way is hard, and when our faith fails us; when our courage droops, and our minds are perplexed. Be with us in our joys and in our sorrows, in our laughter and in our tears. Hear then our prayer, O Spirit divine; through the perils and vicissitudes of life, through its dangers and its fears, be Thou our Guide.

O Christ, Thou who art the Dayspring from on high, brightness of the everlasting Light, and Sun of righteousness, come and enlighten us who sit in darkness; be Thou our Light. For often in life we are fearful and perplexed. We are set in a mysterious world too big for our understanding; we are terrified at the immensities of Creation and our own insignificance, at the vast eternities and the pitiful shortness of our days upon earth, and we tremble at the threatening forces of evil and our own weakness. Come to us, then, Thou Whose light is the life of men. Help us to walk where we cannot see, and to believe

where we cannot understand, and may faith cheer for us our daily path, and throw its tranquil and reassuring light across every dark and hostile cloud. Hear then our prayer, O Saviour Christ, Lighten our darkness and save us from all the perils of our lives. Be Thou our Light.

O Trinity of grace and power, accept our supplications. Cleanse us, guide us, enlighten us, and let the everlasting arms of Thy mercy be around us. Pour out Thy blessing upon us as a congregation. Defend our worship from all irreverence, coldness or formality. May our Christian fellowship one with another be warmed by our loving-kindness, our large-hearted generosities, and the spirit of reconciliation. Bless this night our kinsfolk, our families and our friends. Visit with Thy compassion all who are lying on beds of sickness ; all the poor, the sad, the disconsolate and the bereaved ; support all aged folk, and bless all little children. Grant unto us, if it be Thy will, throughout the night, refreshing sleep, and wake us on the morrow refreshed in mind and body, with confidence in our minds, and courage in our hearts. And these our prayers we offer in His name who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father . . .

CLOSING EVENING PRAYERS

Most loving Father, as our worship closes, and ere we leave Thy House to resume life's duties, we would commit ourselves to Thy divine protection. Take us and ours under Thy blessed care this night and evermore, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Into Thy protecting care, O God, we commend ourselves and all whom we love. Guard us through all the perils and dangers of the night; visit our bodies with refreshing sleep; grant us strength for the duties of the morrow, and evermore guide our feet into the way of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, O God, our heavenly Father, that the words we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts to Thee, seeking Thy blessing ere we part. Accept, and bless to our souls, the worship of the day. Let Thy gracious benediction rest upon us, our loved ones, upon all those who this night are in sorrow or

suffering, and upon every lonely and desolate heart. And may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, continually preserve us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most gentle Shepherd, Who lovest Thy sheep, and callest them all by name; Who tendest the ailing, and carriest in Thy bosom the lambs of the flock; extend Thy hands in benediction over us as we part; bring back to Thy fold all who foolishly wander; all who have lost the way, and are caught in the entanglements of the world; all who have sinned and gone astray; enclose us in safety, and bring us all at last to the heavenly pastures, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord God, the life of mankind, the light of the faithful, the strength of those that labour, and the rest of those that sleep in Thee: grant unto us tranquil rest and sleep throughout this night: defend us from all that would molest us; drive from our hearts the unrest of evil thoughts and temptations, and enfold us in heavenly tranquillity and peace; that refreshed and strengthened we may awake on the morrow fitted for our labour, and strengthened for all our duties, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father in heaven, Who hast brought us to the closing of the day in peace; accept the gratitude of our hearts, we beseech Thee, for all the blessings of its worship. Pardon in its service, and in our lives,

all that Thou hast seen unworthy, and accept in Thy mercy that which we have rendered unto Thee of honest purpose and in sincerity of heart. Go with us where we go ; dwell with us where we dwell, and on the morrow, if Thou dost spare us, go with us to our several duties. Keep us, and all our loved ones, in Thy perpetual peace, and guide our feet that we may walk in the narrow way which leadeth unto life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord, Who hast granted us to pass through this day, and to reach its close in peace and safety. Hear our prayers, and those of all Thy people ; forgive us all our sins, negligencies and offences : accept our evening supplications, and send down on Thine inheritance the fulness of Thy mercy and compassion. Compass us about with Thy protection ; arm us with the armour of Thy righteousness, and guard us by Thy power. Deliver us from every assault and device of the adversary and grant that we may pass through this night, and all the days of our life, in fulness of peace and holiness, without sin or offence, for Jesus' sake.

PART II

THE SACRAMENTS

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BAPTISM OF INFANTS

They brought young children unto Jesus, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it He was much displeased and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord your God shall call.

Baptismal Address

Beloved, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that He commanded the children to be brought unto Him; how He blamed those that would have kept them from Him; how He exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by His outward gesture and deed He declared His good will toward them, for He embraced them in His arms, He laid His hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe that He will likewise favourably

receive this present infant, that He will embrace (*him*) with the arms of His mercy, that He will give unto (*him*) the blessing of eternal life, and make (*him*) partaker of His everlasting Kingdom. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our Heavenly Father towards this infant, declared by His Son Jesus Christ, and nothing doubting but that He favourably alloweth this charitable work of ours in bringing this infant to His holy Baptism, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks.

Or,

This service in which we are engaged is one of the most tender and compassionate of all acts of worship. It is a service of consecration and dedication; it is a Sacrament of love and faithfulness.

It speaks to our hearts, as all childhood does, of innocence and purity, of the mystery of human love, and the tenderness of human ties. It takes us back to our own childhood, when a mother's love and a father's care shielded us, and when with thankful hearts they brought us to God's house and in faith consecrated us to His service.

This Sacrament is a witness to the Church's belief in the Fatherhood of God, in the saving love of Christ, and in the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. It declares that God loves all little children, and claims them for His own; that in Christ He seeks to save them, and by His Spirit to shield them. Through it He is ever repeating to the world the

blessed words of His Son, " Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

Baptism is also the rite of initiation into the visible Church of Christ ; it is the sign and seal of God's covenant of grace, and by this public reception the Church acknowledges her perpetual obligation to provide for the Christian nurture of all the little ones within her fold.

To you, the parents, this service is full of tenderest and holiest meanings. It is a sacrament of thanksgiving and praise to the good God Who has thus befriended you, Who has given you this child to love and tend, and fill your hearts and home with joy. It is a service of consecration in which you give yourselves and your little one again to God, promising by His grace to make your home a place of holy affections ; to give to your child a godly example, and to train (*him*) in the love and pursuit of all that is pure and true.

And to us all, through this Sacrament, Christ speaks with tender appeal. Pointing to this little one, as He did to a little child long ago, He says, " Except ye become as little children ye cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

The Minister shall then say to the parents :

In thus presenting your child for baptism do you profess anew your faith in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Guide ; and do you promise, to your utmost endeavour, through God's grace, to bring up this child in the faith of the Gospel, to set before

(*him*) a good example, and to train (*him*) to be a loyal servant of Jesus Christ ?

Answer : I do.

(Where Sponsors are present, the following form may be used : Do you undertake, should need arise, to do all you can to ensure the health and happiness of this child, and to care for (*his*) Christian instruction and upbringing ?)

Minister : Let us now faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto God. Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, we give Thee humble thanks that Thou hast called us to the knowledge of Thy grace and favour. Increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore, we beseech Thee. Mercifully look upon this child, and grant unto those who bring (*him*) now unto Thee, that they may have wisdom and power rightly to instruct (*him*) in Thy holy Word, so that growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ, (*he*) may live righteously in this life, and by Thy mercy obtain entrance at last into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The congregation is now asked to stand, and the Minister, sprinkling water upon the head of the child, shall say :

I baptise thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He may then add this blessing (*or it may be sung by the Choir*) :

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The Minister shall then say :

This child is now acknowledged to be a member of the Church of God, and is under obligation to confess Christ and to be His servant and soldier unto (*his*) life's end. Wherefore receive ye (*him*) in the Lord, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the Father of all the families of the earth, we give Thee hearty thanks on behalf of these Thy servants whom Thou hast blessed in the gift of this child. We beseech Thee to grant unto (*him*) Thy Fatherly protection. Surround (*him*) in days of infancy and childhood with Thy loving care ; mercifully preserve (*his*) life, and grant that growing in stature (*he*) may grow in wisdom and in Thy divine favour, and ever faithfully serve Thee as an heir of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Bless, we pray Thee, the parents to whose care Thou hast entrusted this child ; Guide them in their home duties ; grant them in all things wisdom to do Thy will, and so to conduct their lives as to glorify Thy Name.

We commend to Thee all the homes and families of this congregation. Help all parents to show to their children a good example, and give to all children the spirit of love and obedience. Grant us in our home life to honour Thee, and to serve one another.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION

BAPTISM OF ADULTS

ORDER OF SERVICE

Profession of Faith

Hear now the words of our Lord which He spake in instituting this Sacrament of Baptism: "And Jesus came unto them saying: All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Here may follow a short address, after which the minister shall say to the candidate for baptism:

In thus seeking Christian Baptism do you desire to make profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord; and do you promise, God helping you, to follow in the way of His commandments, to do His will, and, from henceforth, humbly to love and serve Him?

Answer. I do.

Prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast entrusted to Thy Church the Word and Sacraments of Thy grace, receive and sanctify Thy servant who hast witnessed a good confession, and grant that, being received into Thy visible Church, *he* may be numbered with Thy true disciples, and ever walk before Thee in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Congregation is now asked to stand. The Minister shall then baptise the candidate, who kneels at the font, by sprinkling water upon his head, at the same time pronouncing his Christian name (unless where Baptism is administered by immersion).

A . . . I baptise thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (*Adding*) And the very God of peace sanctify thee wholly; and I pray God thy whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then, turning to the congregation, the Minister shall say:

This our (*brother*) having now been received into the fellowship of the Church, receive ye (*him*) in the Lord, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, without Whose blessing all our acts are unavailing, and without Whose Spirit no grace can be given; set the seal of Thy benediction upon this act of Thy Church and accept the oblation which out of a thankful heart Thy servant offers now unto Thee. Impart unto (*him*) now, and at all times, Thy heavenly grace, that (*he*) may not be overthrown by any temptation, or defeated by any trial, but putting (*his*) whole trust and confidence in Thee, may prove (*himself*) a faithful and valiant soldier of the Cross unto (*his*) life's end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ADMISSION TO FULL COMMUNION

At the appointed time, after Hymn or Prayer, the Catechumens, who have been seated before the Minister, are asked to stand. The Minister shall then say :

The following are the names of those who desire to make profession of their faith, and to be received into the full communion of the Church . . . . . .

The Minister shall then address the Catechumens, who stand before him, in these or other suitable words :

Dearly Beloved : In your Baptism you received the sign and seal of your engrafting into Christ, and were solemnly engaged to be the Lord's. Now in the good providence of God you have come to confirm the vows made for you in your childhood, and to claim your full inheritance in the Gospel. We welcome you with great gladness of heart, and with thanksgiving to Almighty God. I now invite you to make confession of your faith, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus : whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in heaven.

In thus seeking entrance into full communion do you desire to make profession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord ; and do you promise, God helping you, to follow in the way of His commandments ; to do His will, and from henceforth humbly to love and serve Him ?

Answer. I do.

The congregation shall then stand, and the Minister shall say:

Dearly Beloved: Seeing that you have now professed your faith before God and this people, I now declare you to be admitted to the full membership of the Church of Christ, and in particular, into the fellowship of this congregation: and in token thereof we give you the right hand of fellowship.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Minister and Office-bearers shall then give the right hand of fellowship to each.

Addressing the congregation, the Minister shall say:

These persons, having now been admitted into full communion with the Church of Christ, are commended to your love and care as fellow-members in the Lord.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, accept these Thy servants who have professed their faith in Thee, and whom, in the Name of Thy Son, and in dependence upon Thy Word, we have most joyfully received into the fellowship of Thy Church. The Lord bless them and keep them. The Lord make His face to shine upon them, and be gracious unto them. The Lord lift up His countenance upon them, and give them peace. *Amen.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

ORDER OF SERVICE

Scripture Sentences—The Comfortable Words.
Prayer of Humble Approach.
Communion Hymn.
Exhortation.
Words of Institution.
Silent Prayer.
Eucharistic Prayer.
Distribution of the Bread and Wine.
Prayer of Thanksgiving.
Offering for the Distressed.
Hymn of Thanksgiving and Adoration.
Benediction.

The Comfortable Words

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE APPROACH

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

Most Blessed Saviour, Who sittest on high with the Father, yet Who art present with us, though unseen: grant that we, though unworthy, may be welcome guests at Thy Table: refresh us, we pray Thee, by making us partakers of Thy sacred Body and shed Blood, which Thou didst offer for our redemption, and grant unto us in this hour of blessed communion, that our faith in Thee may be confirmed, and our love for Thee enriched, Who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, dost reign one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

HYMN

The Minister may thereafter address to the Communicants the following exhortation:

Dearly Beloved: It is meet that we who desire to be made partakers of this Holy Sacrament, should consider in our hearts the exceeding precious benefits bestowed upon those who draw near in faith, and in sincere love of Christ.

And that we be not unworthy of these so great benefits let us examine ourselves, lest peradventure coming unworthily we receive not any blessing, but leave His Holy Table uncomforted.

Let us therefore confess in our hearts before God our exceeding unworthiness, and with most eager contrition crave His forgiveness; and be ye well assured that he who, out of an honest heart, confesseth his sins, and humbly seeketh absolution and increase of grace, will be well received of the Father, Who in His Son, our most blessed Lord Jesus, hath said: Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out.

The Minister shall then say: Hear now the words of Institution:

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks He brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is My Body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the Cup, when He had supped, saying, This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

The Minister may then invite the Communicants to engage in a few minutes silent prayer.

PRAYER

Most Holy God, our Father in heaven, in deep humility, conscious of our unworthiness, yet trusting in Thy mercy, do we turn now unto Thee. Hear Thou our prayers which we have offered in the

silence of our hearts, and which now arise as incense before Thee. Pour out upon us Thy Holy Spirit that we may make a full and acceptable offering of ourselves unto Thee ; and that, as now we consecrate this bread and this wine to their sacred use, we may so feed upon Christ in our hearts, that we shall be made partakers of His Body ; and so drink of His Cup, that we shall be cleansed in His most precious Blood, and evermore dwell in Him and He in us. *Amen.*

Or,

We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We confess ourselves unworthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Thy Table, or to take Thy Name upon our lips. With humble, lowly and penitent hearts we seek Thy divine favour. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, of Thy great mercy, so to cleanse our hearts that we may be enabled to partake worthily of this holy sacrament of the broken Body and shed Blood of our Redeemer. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon us, and help us to re-dedicate ourselves, body, soul and spirit, that our lives henceforth may be acceptable in Thy sight, and may be used of Thee for the extension of Thy kingdom, and the glory of Thy Name ; through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Minister shall say, delivering the Bread :

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took Bread ; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat ; this is

My Body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

Then the Minister shall say, delivering the Cup:

After the same manner also He took the Cup when He had supped, saying, This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

As often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

When all have communicated the Minister shall then offer a prayer of Thanksgiving.

PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, we lift up our hearts to Thee in gratitude and praise. We thank Thee, O Lord, for these moments of blessed fellowship; help us in the strength of them to go back to our duties in the world refreshed in body and in soul, and with a more earnest desire to glorify Thee in our lives, and to be of service to our fellow men.

We remember before Thee all our brethren of this congregation, especially the sick, the aged, and those who through infirmity have been unable to join with us at the Table of the Lord, beseeching Thee to visit them, and to bless them with Thy comfort.

We thank Thee also for the blessed Communion of Saints, and we remember before Thee in gratitude all those whom we have known, and at whose side we have sat in days gone by, who have fallen on

sleep, having kept the faith. We thank Thee for their lives, and for their most godly example, and we beseech Thee that we, animated by a like faith, may ever serve Thee in our day and generation, and that we may be joined with them and with all Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

And now unto Him Who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

O Lord, and heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants entirely desire Thee of Thy Fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for Thy great benefits unto us this day: humbly beseeching Thee to grant that we, and all Thy whole Church, both in heaven and upon earth, may be gathered together in one communion in Christ Jesus. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto Thee, humbly beseeching Thee so to fill us with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and daily be renewed by Thy Spirit, unto the eternal kingdom which Thou hast promised us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

An offering for those in distress may then be taken, followed by the

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PART III

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ADVENT

Heavenly Father, we come to Thee at this advent season thanking Thee for the gift of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let the Dayspring from on high visit us, and the Day-star arise in our hearts. May the spirit of Jesus be born in us anew, teaching our love to remember ; our anger to forgive ; our enmity to forget ; that something of His beauty may be reflected in our lives, and something of His grace be shed abroad in our hearts. Make us compassionate one toward another ; merciful, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou, Lord, art compassionate toward us, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin.

And those things which we pray for ourselves we ask for all men and women the world over. Regard in Thy mercy the nations of the earth ; bring peace to those distracted by war ; bring prosperity to those stricken by poverty ; draw the hearts of all men nearer to each other, so that out of the world's distress there may be born a new spirit of brotherhood, in which trust shall displace suspicion, and mercy triumph over cruelty and injustice.

Bless our Church, our homes, our families, our friends ; visit in Thy tender compassion those who are sick or in trouble ; those who are lonely or depressed, and may the Lord Jesus be born again in each of our hearts, and remain there for ever as our blessed Saviour and Friend. And these things we humbly ask, in His Name. *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS

I

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Who in Thy great love for mankind didst send Thy Son into the world to redeem the world from sin and death : we praise and bless Thy Holy Name for the return of this glad Christmas Day. And Thou, O Christ, Who didst come to us as a little Child, and didst taste of poverty and want, that we might learn to renounce all pride, and follow Thy great humility : receive us as we bow at Thy cradle in holy adoration. Vouchsafe to grant us Thy grace, that we may take Thee as our pattern, and so become Thy disciples. Have compassion on us, and perfect the work of our redemption. For we have no hope but in Thee ; no redemption from sin but by Thee ; no peace of God but through Thee ; no expectation of blessing, or hopes of heaven but in Thee. Be Thou then our shield to protect us ; our Master to teach us ; our Light to direct us ; our Redeemer to save us ; and help us to walk in Thy footsteps henceforth and for ever.

O Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting Light and Sun of Righteousness: come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Send forth Thy Captains and Thine armies to the uttermost parts of the earth, to drive out the evil, and to implant the good; for Thou camest, O divine Deliverer, not to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Child of the stable, Son of the Most High, lift up Thy holy and venerable Cross before the world, and call upon the nations of the earth to bow down and worship Thee. Bid their kings and princes cast their crowns at Thy feet, for Thou art their King. Command those who delight in war to break their swords in pieces, for Thou art the Prince of Peace. Call upon the poor and the down-trodden to come to Thee, for Thou art their Deliverer. Bid the sinful and the tempted kneel down before Thee, for there is none other Name known upon earth whereby salvation cometh, but only Thine, O Lord. Wherefore we come, joyfully and triumphantly, laying our hearts' adoration at Thy Feet, praising God, and saying with angels and archangels and all the glorifying hosts of heaven, Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Glory be to Thee, O Christ, for ever and for ever. *Amen.*

II

Most loving Father, Who hast given unto the world Thy Son Jesus, in Whose Name we come, and in Whose coming we rejoice; we thank Thee

for the gladness of this day, for its tender joys and gracious memories, for the ties that unite us as families and friends, and for all the love and kindness which make this day gladsome unto us, and which warm the heart with affection and good will. We thank Thee for all sympathy which has been shown to the sick, the aged and the poor ; for all kindly charities, and acts of benevolence, and for all things which have unlocked human hearts, and which have drawn us nearer to each other, and nearer unto Thee. And we bless Thee that Thou hast a share in all our joy as in all our sorrow, that Thou seest and rewardest all unselfish acts, and dost enrich the lives that are mindful and compassionate. Help us, we beseech Thee, in the midst of all human love, to remember Thy great tenderness toward us, the gracious gifts of Thy Providence, and above all the gift of Thy Son.

Hear us, Heavenly Father, as we pray for our homes, and receive our grateful thanks for all the gladness of re-union ; for the children who have returned safely from school, and for the sons and daughters who have been at work in the world, and who have returned to celebrate with their loved ones the Christmas festival. Hear us as we pray for any who amid the gladness of others are sad, for any who are lonely and far from friends, who are sick or sorrowful at heart, or to whom this season brings sad memories of loved ones whom Thou hast taken to Thyself. Our hearts go out to such in tender compassion, and we ask for them a double portion of Thy comfort and sustaining grace.

We thank Thee, most gracious Father, for all the tender thoughts this season brings of Jesus. We bless Thee that He came into the world as a little child, and grew up in our midst in loving sympathy with all our human needs and human sorrows. We thank Thee that He came as light in the midst of its darkness; as peace in the midst of its strife; as love in the midst of its bitterness, and as life in the midst of its death. And now we pray Thee that He may be born anew in all our hearts; that by faith we may receive Him, and by love open wide the doors of our hearts to His most blessed incoming. Unite us, we beseech Thee, with Him in duty and in sacrifice, in pity and in helpfulness, in hope and in charity. Teach us to do His works, and grant that more and more He may come into the world, and cast out every bitter wrong, and bring in the blessed reign of peace and good will. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE CLOSING YEAR

Almighty God, in Thy sight a thousand years are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night; our fathers trusted in Thee and were not confounded, and the generations as they pass hand on to us who follow them the triumphant assurance of Thine unchanging goodness.

Help us, that with a like faith we may turn to Thee, as we stand at the close of another year.

We give Thee thanks, O God, for all the way Thou hast led us ; for Thy care over us ; for Thy patience with us ; for the mercies which have come fresh every morning, and which have been renewed every night.

Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow the many sins and failures which stain the book of Thy remembrance. Blot them out, we beseech Thee, and remember them not against us, but forgive us in Thy rich compassion. Cause us not to grow disheartened because of the trials and temptations which assail us, and because of our weakness and frailty. Help us that we may learn from our failures to apply our hearts unto wisdom. Send down upon us the aid of Thy Spirit that, amid the fleeting things of time, we may learn to anchor our souls in the unchanging certainty of Thine unchanging love.

Almighty God, Lord of the storm and of the calm, the vexed sea and quiet haven, of day and night, of life and of death : grant us in all storms and tempests of our mortal life, to abide in quiet faith and unfaltering trust under Thy protection. And when the last hour comes, and night falls on the battlefield ; when Thy Messenger approaches and bids us take off our armour, and lay down our sword ; may we in humble faith commit our souls to Thy gracious keeping, sustained by Thy promise that Thou wilt not leave us, nor forsake us, but wilt lead us through the darkness into serene and cloudless Day.

Grant us these great mercies, O Lord, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE NEW YEAR

Almighty God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things visible and invisible, Who amidst the fleeting things of Time art the same yesterday, to-day and for ever ; we bless Thy Holy Name that Thou hast brought us in safety to see the beginning of a New Year. Receive, we beseech Thee, our thanksgivings for all the way Thou hast led us. For Thou hast been merciful toward us beyond our deserts ; alike in joy and in sorrow Thou hast been with us, and each day Thy rich bounty has blessed us.

With shame and with sorrow we confess how unworthy we have been of Thy goodness ; how forgetful and ungrateful for all Thy mercies, and how constant have been our failures in duty toward Thee and our fellow-men. For our past misdeeds we crave Thy forgiveness. Help us now with deep sincerity to re-consecrate ourselves body, soul and spirit, unto Thee, and to enter this New Year with fresh determinations after holiness.

We pray Thee to bless us as a congregation ; unite us more firmly in loyalty and faith, in duty and in helpfulness, and may this year see a deepening of our Christian fellowship, and an increasing joy in the worship of Thy Holy Name.

Bless also, we beseech Thee, our homes and families, our business, our country, and all our fellow-men. May this be a year of plenty, and may Thy kingdom come more and more into the world, and into the hearts and lives of men. Bind, we pray

Thee, all sections of society closer together ; emancipate the world from cruel oppression ; let the love of Christ more and more prevail, and peace and charity become the habitation of men's hearts. Grant these and all other mercies which Thou seest we need, for Jesus our Redeemer's sake.

GOOD FRIDAY

O Lord, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we have come this day to gather around Thy Cross, to recall Thy sufferings for us, and to meditate upon Thy great and wonderful love. Thou wast wounded for our transgressions : Thou wast bruised for our iniquities, and by Thy stripes we are healed. For us Thou didst drink the bitter Cup, and didst bear the awful shame and agony of the Cross. O Christ, Who didst endure such things for us, how ill have we requited Thy love. With anguish of heart we have to confess that the sin of the world that brought Thee to the Cross is in us ; for we have crucified Thee by our sinful and unrighteous living. The blindness of those that rejected Thee is in us ; for we too have sought not the things that are above, and have loved the world.

The hatred of the scribes and high priests is in us ; for we, too, by nature, hate those who speak to us the Truth. The unbelief of the Sadducees is in us, for we too, by nature, cling to the things we see and handle, and despise the things that are unseen and eternal.

The unrighteousness of the heathen Governor dwelleth in us ; for we too seek more ardently after ease and pleasure, than after the will of God.

The covetousness which led the betrayer to his crime hath its root in us ; for we pursue after riches even after we have discovered their deceitfulness.

The weakness of Peter is our weakness ; for how often have we betrayed Thee, our Saviour, Who didst yield Thyself to death for us.

O Lord, as we behold Thee crucified upon the Cross it is not the sin of others that we see, but our sin, our unfaithfulness and betrayal. Have mercy upon us, and forgive us, we beseech Thee. Help us to begin a new and better life of holiness and devotion. Grant that the memory of Thy great love may never fade from our forgetful hearts.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and passion hath redeemed us, and Who upon the Cross didst pray for Thine enemies, have pity upon those who hate and reject Thee still, for they know not what they do. Take away their ignorance and blindness ; leave them not to the outer darkness and perpetual lamentation, but melt their hard and obdurate hearts by the fires of Thy compassion, so that they may live to praise Thy great and wonderful goodness.

O Christ, lift up Thy Cross, so that the whole world may come to know Thee, and to worship at Thy Feet. Hasten the day when Thou shalt see of the travail of Thy soul and be satisfied, and when Thou shalt reign in undisputed sway in the hearts of men for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Litany of Mercy and Deliverance

O God, the Father, Creator of the World: Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the World: Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: Have mercy upon us.

O Holy and Blessed Trinity, One God, for ever and ever: Have mercy upon us.

O Saviour of the World, Who didst leave Thy Home of Blessedness, and didst descend upon earth to seek and save the lost: help us, and hear our crying.

By Thy human Birth: By Thy prayers and tears: By Thy watchings and midnight vigils: By all the troubles of Thine earthly Life:

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

By the grief and anguish of Thy Soul: By Thine agony and Bloody Sweat: By Thy bonds and scourgings: By Thy Crown of Thorns:

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

By the shame and anguish of Thy Cross: By Thy sacred Wounds and precious Blood: By Thine atoning Death: By Thy descent into the Grave:

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension: By Thy sitting at the Right Hand of the Father in glory: By Thy coming on the Last Day to judge the quick and the dead:

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

O Divine Redeemer, Who didst pray for Thine enemies who crucified Thee :

Pray for us.

O Thou Who hast tasted death for every man :

Impart unto us Eternal Life.

O Lover of men :

Make us worthy of Thy Love.

O Thou Who art the Prince of Peace :

Grant us Thy Peace.

Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world :

Take away our sins, and hasten to deliver us.

From the sins and faults of youth : from the mistakes and follies of maturer years : from the evil past that pursues us, and cries out against us :

Deliver us, good Lord.

From pride and vain glory : from jealousy, hatred and envy : from self-seeking and self-indulgence :

Deliver us, good Lord.

From evil temper and self-will : from fretfulness and discontent : from sloth and idleness, and from lack of forbearance :

Deliver us, good Lord.

From heedlessness and frivolity : from malice and all uncharitableness : from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word and Commandments :

Deliver us, good Lord.

From impatience under correction : from unthankfulness for daily mercies : from secret delight in sin : from unchastity, and want of faith and perseverance :

Deliver us, good Lord.

Remember not our offences, O Lord, nor the offences of our forefathers ; be not angry against us for ever. Spare us, good Lord. Deliver us when our souls are in peril ; when our faith is weak ; when our hope burns low. Bless us, and comfort us, we humbly beseech Thee.

Most blessed God, Who didst send Thy Son into the world full of grace and truth, and Who dost call us in Him to live a life of purity and holiness : wash us, and make our souls white and spotless, that we, escaping the defilement that is in the world through sin, may by Thy mercy enter that holy City where neither sin nor sorrow dwelleth ; where all is love and pure content ; where the blessed labour without weariness, and the pure in heart see God.

Grant unto us these great mercies through the love and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

EASTER

Eternal Father, Who by the Resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ hast begotten us again to a lively hope ; help us with spiritual joy to celebrate this glad festival. We bless Thee for the gracious message which this day brings to us, of life triumphing over death, and for the immortal hopes that burst from the empty tomb, and that come to us through our risen and glorified Lord. Help us in the spirit of the Resurrection to rise on stepping-stones of our dead selves to higher things ; in the midst of the temporal, set

our affections on the eternal; and in the midst of worldly duties, help us to live in joyous contact with the unseen.

Most blessed Father, we pray Thee to raise us above the life of sin to the life of all beautiful and holy things: help us to mortify our corrupt affections, to crucify our carnal desires, to die unto sin, that we may live unto righteousness. May we be assured of the joyous reality of the Resurrection of our Lord by the surety of His Spirit dwelling in us. Raise us above all low desires, quicken us in all holy and pure motives, and make spiritual things so certain to us, that all fear shall be done away as we live in the presence and power of our Risen Lord, and glorified Redeemer.

We humbly beseech Thee, O God, our merciful Father, to prepare us in this life for that which is to come. Give unto us the upward look, the heavenly will, the spiritual mind: consecrate our life afresh to the service of the Highest; in the spirit of gladness and hopefulness send us forth to do our work, and bring the joy of Christ's risen Life into the hearts that are dead in sin.

May the heavens be opened to us, and the heavenly light shine on our path and encourage us in our work, and may the assurance of Christ's victory over all the ills that darken the world give peace to our hearts, and confidence to our words.

And now in this joyous festival of Thy glorious Resurrection, O Christ; in the spirit of prayer and supplication which Thou dost bestow, and in the spirit of holy song which Thou dost inspire;

with the whole Church of the Redeemed we give unto Thee honour and worship, thanks and praise in the Highest, ascribing unto Thee, in union with the Father and the Spirit, ever one God, all the glory of our hope here, and our salvation hereafter, world without end. *Amen.*

WHIT-SUNDAY

Almighty God, the Giver of all good things, without Whose help all labour is ineffectual, and without Whose grace all wisdom is folly: grant us Thy help, that we may worship Thee this day in the beauty of holiness. Send forth Thy Light and Thy Truth that they may lead us to Thy Holy Hill, even unto Thine altar, O Lord, Thou God of our salvation.

We magnify and bless Thy Holy Name that on the day of Pentecost Thou didst send down Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy Church, and hast promised that He shall abide with her for ever. Grant that the same Holy Spirit may be poured out this day upon Thy Church, and upon us; that He may lead us into all truth; may enrich us with His gifts, and refresh us with His comforts; may witness with our spirits that we are the children of God, and may lead us in the way everlasting; so that living and walking in Him, we may be sealed unto the day of our redemption.

O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, proceeding from the Father and the Son, make us to be of good cheer in all our tribulations. Redeem our burdened

souls from the spirit of bondage and of fear; set us free from the law of sin and of death, and powerfully aid us that we may attain unto liberty and peace. Help our infirmities; make intercessions for us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

O Spirit Divine, forsake us not. Suffer us not to quench Thee, to grieve Thee, to do despite unto Thee. Let us not be deaf to Thy silent voice, nor insensible to the inward emotions of Thy constraining and quickening grace. Come with Thy blessed light into all the dark places of our lives, into the unhallowed chambers of our minds, into every hiding place and retreat where sin still lurks, and temptations brood, and fit us for Thy habitation. Overcome in us the spirit of unbelief; destroy in us the spirit of worldliness and vanity, and give us power so to walk and abide in Thee that we may overcome the world.

O Thou Who, as the Spirit of Holiness, dost make the bodies of the Saints Thy temples: dwell Thou in us, and sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit; that we may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh or of the mind, but ever walk in the fellowship of the Spirit, in all holy obedience and devotion, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

O God, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men that dwell upon the earth, and Who didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh; fulfil,

we beseech Thee, Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy Name to preach the Gospel of salvation in heathen lands. We pray Thee for these Thy servants, for missionaries, doctors, teachers, and evangelists, and also for native pastors, and all engaged in this good work ; entreating Thee to grant them support in all their labours, and at all times the blessed consciousness of Thy presence and blessing.

Especially do we pray Thee to defend those who work in unhealthy climes, or amid savage races ; comfort those who are lonely, and who are far removed from visible communion with their brethren ; and cheer those who are depressed because of the difficulty of their work, the fewness of their converts, or the opposition they have to encounter.

Hear us as we pray for the members of all native churches ; enable those who have confessed their faith in Christ to remain steadfast ; preserve them amid doubt and perplexity because of their feeble knowledge, and defend their lives in all times of danger or persecution.

We beseech Thee, heavenly Father, that Thou wouldst pour out Thy Spirit to enlighten the minds, and to sanctify the hearts of those preparing for this ministry ; that Thou wouldst awaken the conscience of the Church at home, that more labourers may be sent forth ; and that Thou wouldst so quicken in each one of us the spirit of liberality, that the needs of Thy Church in distant lands may not fail through our want of faith, through the

coldness of our prayers, or through lack of ready help.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably upon Thy whole Church, and by the tranquil operation of Thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of man's salvation ; let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, that those which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are returning to perfection, through Him from Whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Invocation

Almighty God, the source of all goodness, Who givest fruitfulness to the soil, and beauty to the earth, and Who hast crowned the year with Thy goodness ; grant unto us the good husbandry of the heart, that the precious seed of Thy Word being sown in us, may bear a rich harvest of love to Thee, and to our fellow-men, and may spring up within us unto everlasting life. Grant this, we humbly beseech Thee for Jesus' sake.

Thanksgiving

The eyes of all things do look up unto Thee, O Lord, Who hast blessed the earth and made it fruitful ; Who openest Thy Hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Unto Thee,

our Bountiful Father in heaven, do we lift up our hearts, thanking Thee for the rich bounty of the harvest.

We praise and bless Thee, O Thou Giver of all good, for the bountiful provision Thou hast made for the wants of Thy children; for Thou givest all living things their meat in due season, and Thy tender care is over all Thy works.

We bring to Thee our joyous thanksgiving for the fruit of the field safely gathered in, and for all the increase that the fertile earth has yielded: and we glorify Thee for Thy promise that while the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest shall not fail.

We thank Thee that Thou hast called us to be fellow-labourers with Thee; that while men have toiled Thou hast not withholden from them Thy help; and that in Thy providence Thou hast given Thy servants to see the reward of their labours.

We thank Thee for the glory of Thy creation; for the constancy of Thy laws; for the beauty of the changing seasons, and for all the tokens the world contains of Thy love for even the least of Thy creatures.

Almighty Father, Who hast given us all these things richly to enjoy, help us to show forth our gratitude for Thy gifts by a right use of them, by a constant remembrance that Thou art the Giver, and by seeking to use them not for ourselves alone, but for the good of our fellow-men. Grant that the revelation of Thy Fatherly goodness may encourage us to be generous and kind towards others, and may

there be in us His Spirit Whose meat and drink it was to do Thy will.

Finally, we beseech Thee, that in that harvest where the angels are the reapers, we may be gathered as wheat into Thy garner, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
(ARMISTICE)

Opening Sentences

Glory to God in the Highest; on earth peace; good will towards men.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.

Their name liveth for evermore, and they are in peace.

Opening Collect

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Prayer of Confession and Petition

Almighty God, Who art calling us this day to penitence and contrition: together as a nation,

as members of Thy Church, and as individuals, do we confess before Thee our sins and errors; those of which our hearts condemn us, and those of which, because of the blindness and hardness of our hearts, we are unconscious. For all ways in which we have acted wrongly; in which we have failed to discern and to do Thy will; in which we have sought selfish ends rather than the good of others, and so have added to the burdens and sorrows of our fellow-men in our public policy or our private behaviour, we beseech Thee to forgive us. Awaken in our hearts, and in the hearts of all the people of this realm, a deep sense of contrition; take us anew into Thy keeping; bring us back as a people to loftier standards of conduct and of duty, so that in our common service, in our citizenship, and in all our relationships with other nations, we may seek no glory but Thine, and no other prosperity but that which is blessed by Thee.

O God, Who hast taught this generation mysteries of Thy handiwork that greatly increase man's power for good or evil; forgive us that we have so often turned our larger knowledge to foolish and cruel uses, and filled the world with terror and anguish. Deliver us from the lust of power and the spirit of covetousness, and so fill us with the wisdom from above that we may use Thy gifts as Thou hast designed, to save life and not to kill, to build and not to destroy, and so at all times to honour Thee, and to advance the well being of the whole world. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Prayer of Remembrance

O God, God of our Fathers, Who hast led Thy people from one generation unto another, most humbly do we draw near to Thee, beseeching Thee of Thine infinite mercy to hear our prayers, and to incline Thine ears unto our supplications.

We have appointed this to be a day of hallowed Remembrance, and together with all the people of this realm, with deep humility, and in great tenderness of heart, do we recall the sacrifice offered on our behalf by those who fell in the great War ;— those who died in battle or in prison camps, or fell victims to disease ; those whose bodies rest in foreign lands, or in the great deep. And especially do we recall those known and dear to us, the members of our congregation, our households, or our friends. In love and gratitude do we remember them now in silence before Thee. (*Here pause.*)

Heavenly Father, as we bless Thy Holy Name for those Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and love, so do we beseech Thee to grant unto us who remain, grace to follow their good example, and to carry on the work which they began. Grant, O Lord, we earnestly beseech Thee, that their sacrifice may not have been made in vain ; from their graves, scattered over the green earth, may we hear the call to dedicate our lives anew to the service of our fellow-men, and to the cause of peace ; that so out of these years of sin, and misery, and loss, there may rise a fairer and happier world.

And we also remember with compassionate hearts those who still suffer—those in our hospitals—the blind, the deaf, the maimed, and all those whom the War has left weakened in body or in mind. Grant, O Lord, that they may never be forgotten by us, and that they may ever be sustained by Thy grace and power.

Almighty God, in Whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength is known but the strength of love, and Who hast ordained that all the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of Thy Son; send Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon all who are seeking to kindle the desire for righteousness and peace amongst the nations; and to this end bless, we pray Thee, the assemblies of the League of Nations. Let not their good purposes be frustrated by envy or jealousy, by fear or by suspicion, but grant that there may be given to them when they sit in council an overwhelming sense of responsibility, and an eager desire to do Thy will, so that war may be banished from the world, and universal peace and brotherhood be established.

Heavenly Father, Who hast given to the world the Church of Thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and Who hast ordained it to be a light to them that sit in darkness, and a witness to the things that are spiritual and eternal; unite in Thy mercy all those who fear Thy Name, and who seek the good of their fellow-men, in a fresh endeavour after righteousness, and the spread of Christ's kingdom upon earth. Deliver Thy Church from all that weakens and

frustrates its witness, and so inspire it that the whole world shall come to know and acknowledge Thy guidance, and unite in the love and fellowship of Thy blessed Son.

Bless us, we beseech Thee, as a congregation. Save us from the deadly sin of being concerned about our own good, and remaining unconcerned about the good of others; from that complacency which tolerates injustice and wrong-doing in the belief that they cannot be remedied, and from that barrenness which overtakes us when we are hearers only and not doers of Thy word. Fill us with zeal for the growth of Thy kingdom; with solicitude for those around us who stand unconcerned, and with an eager desire to do something, however small, to hasten the coming of peace upon earth, and good will amongst men.

We pray for our homes and our loved ones; for the poor and the unemployed; for the suffering and sad; for those who have lost faith, and for those who never possessed it, but who drift rudderless amid estranging seas, with no star to guide them, sailing toward no haven, and without hope in life or in death. We intercede for them, O God, and for ourselves, praying that Thy mercy may stretch down to meet our need, and that Thy love may triumph at last over all our weakness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

EVENING WORSHIP

Almighty God, on this day of hallowed remembrance we come again unto Thee, earnestly beseeching Thee for Thy help and guidance in all things that concern our good, and the good of the whole world. Thou seest the nations of the earth torn and distracted by fear and mistrust, by bitter enmities and cruel misunderstandings, so that the coming of the reign of peace seems to appear as a hopeless dream, while men forge the weapons which make for war. Hear the cry of Thy Church throughout the world, we beseech Thee; bring to confusion those who, blinded by passion and by hate, seek to embitter human relations, and sow the seeds of strife and enmity. Give peace in our time, O Lord, arouse us to a sense of our individual and national responsibility, and so guide and illumine the minds of statesmen, and those who influence public opinion, that the dangers which threaten the world may be averted, and all mankind united in the bonds of love and brotherhood. Grant this, we humbly beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake.

EMPIRE DAY

Almighty God, Who art the King of kings, and Lord of lords, the God and Ruler of all the nations that are upon the earth, we draw near unto Thee this day thanking Thee for our great Empire, and for all the blessings and privileges we enjoy as its members. We pray Thee for this land of our birth, for our Dominions and Colonies and subject peoples, and we beseech Thee that Thou

wouldst unite our hearts in an unbreakable bond of loyalty and devotion, of mutual trust and service.

We render Thee our thanksgiving for our King, our gracious Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of York, and all the members of the royal family; and we praise Thy Name for all those who have devoted their lives to the defence and service of the State; for our soldiers, and sailors and airmen, and for all who labour for the welfare of the peoples of this realm; beseeching Thee that it may never cease to be one of the tranquil abodes of Thy Church, and may stand ever forth in the world for its love of justice and of freedom, and for the honour and integrity of its public life.

Hear us, O God, as we pray for the parliaments of our Empire; for their political leaders; for all engaged in public life and who influence public opinion; for those who are striving to improve social conditions, and mitigate the hardships and injustices which many endure; for the judges and magistrates of our land, and for all who administer justice, beseeching Thee that we may never lack public-spirited men and women of honour and integrity willing to spend themselves and be spent for the public good.

Almighty God, Who through Thy Son Jesus Christ hast consecrated labour to the welfare of mankind, prosper, we beseech Thee, the commerce and industries of our land; bless all those engaged therein; defend employers and employed from all that would embitter their relations one with another: grant that the spirit of justice and con-

ciliation may enter in the midst of disputes, and mutual consideration and respect bring them to a speedy and happy end.

Heavenly Father, we confess with shame the sins and injustices which stain our public life, and we pray, as Thou wouldst have us pray, for the great multitude around us, and at our doors, who claim our help and sympathy; for the poor who in the midst of lavish abundance are in want; for the labourers who stand all the day idle, having no one to hire them; for the unfit who are ground down by the tyranny of the strong; for the multitudes who live in crowded and insanitary areas, to whom and to whose children both beauty and health are denied.

We pray Thee also to forgive us for our national sins of drunkenness and gambling; our ungodly trust in riches and our unhallowed pursuit of pleasure. Help us, O God, to repent and turn to Thee, and to recall Thy word, that righteousness alone exalts a nation.

Heavenly Father, we pray Thee for the city (*town*) in which we dwell. Pour out Thy Spirit upon its churches, its hospitals, nursing homes, and all philanthropic institutions. Bless all good causes, and all good men and women who labour for the public good, and who seek by their unselfish lives to increase the health and happiness of the people.

These and all our prayers we offer in the Name of Him Who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father . . .

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

O God, Whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of evil, and set free all those who are ensnared by sin and indulgence; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on our country, and fill us all with deep shame and humiliation for the intemperance which prevails in our land. We confess that in times past we have grievously sinned by our indifference to this terrible evil amongst us, by which souls are kept in bondage, the lives of men and women blighted, the happiness of families destroyed, and the Name of Christ blasphemed among the heathen.

Pour down, we beseech Thee, Thy blessing upon all societies and associations formed to do battle with it. May Thy Holy Spirit direct and prosper their efforts. Lead us all to deny ourselves, even in lawful indulgences, if by doing so we may promote Thy glory, and make not our brother to offend. Let Thy merciful compassion be extended to all who are being led captive by this evil, and to all homes that are impoverished and made wretched through it. Give strength to those who are struggling against its temptation, and help all those whose hearts are moved by pity for them, to surround them with their prayers and support.

Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Almighty God, Whom the heaven of heavens

cannot contain, yet Who deignest to dwell in hearts that are humble and contrite, regard us, Thy children, who unite to sing Thy praises, and who offer unto Thee now the tribute of our thanksgiving.

We bless and praise Thee for this Thy House, which is to us a place of sanctuary and of worship. We recall with grateful hearts the pious work of those who built it to the glory of Thy Name, together with all Thy faithful servants who through past years have worshipped Thee in this place, and who have handed on to us for the faithful continuance of its worship this Church of the living God.

We beseech Thee, heavenly Father, that Thou wouldst accept the offering of our hearts as we seek to re-dedicate it unto Thy most holy and blessed service. Make it to us, and to our children, and to those who shall come after us, a place of blessing and of peace.

And regard us, O Lord, Thy people who desire to be made worthy to worship Thee in this place. Be present at all times with us by Thy Holy Spirit, and because holiness becometh Thine House, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith and possess our souls by Thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us, but that being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be given devoutly to serve Thee in all good works, through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Lord. *Amen.*

HOSPITAL SUNDAY

Almighty God, Who didst send Thy Son into the world as the Good Physician, Who healeth our sicknesses and all our diseases : we beseech Thee for all hospitals, infirmaries, nursing homes and kindred institutions which aim at the healing of sickness, the amelioration of suffering, and the strengthening of the weak. Consecrate the gifts which this day we offer for the support of this holy ministry of love and mercy, and grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the true spirit of compassion, that we may give liberally, and from the heart.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for all the inmates of these institutions ; for those who suffer from physical, mental, or nervous disorders ; for those about to pass through serious operations ; for those dangerously ill and whose lives are despaired of ; and for all who are stricken by disease, or enfeebled by sickness or old age. Grant unto these Thy children, O Lord, in their extremity, the merciful support and comfort of Thy Spirit.

We beseech Thee for all doctors, physicians, surgeons, nurses, and for all who tend the sick ; grant unto them that in their treatment of disease, they may be enlightened by Thee ; may they add to their scientific knowledge the power of prayer, and, with sympathy and skill, minister to those committed to their charge.

We pray Thee for those who administer the laws of public health, who study the origin of disease, and the methods of prevention and cure ; and for all

public bodies which seek to improve the health and increase the well-being of the community : that they may be guided of Thee, and blest in all their activities.

Hear us, O God, as in especial we beseech Thee for those whose lives are diseased by sin ; for the vicious in mind, and the impure in imagination ; for those in whom the evil germs of passion and self-will have corrupted the love of better things, and yet who are careless and indifferent. Grant, O God, that sin-sick and weary, they may come at last to Christ the Good Physician, Who alone can cure our sicknesses, and take from us the heavy burden of our sins.

Finally we pray that in all times of need, in all seasons of suffering, and in the hour of death, we may repose our souls in Thee, beseeching Thee, when this life is ended, to grant us to enter that land of rest, where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, neither suffering nor death, but where the redeemed see Thy Face, and dwell with Thee in life everlasting. Grant this, we entreat Thee, for Jesus our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

PART IV

OCCASIONAL SERVICES

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CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Ye are all the children of the light, and the children of the day. Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children.

Litany

Minister. Our Father, Who lovest Thy children, help us to believe that though we cannot see Thee, yet Thou art ever near us, and that Thou hearest us when we pray.

For all things bright and beautiful around us; for the world in which we live; for its flowers and fields, its sunshine and showers; and for its many lessons of love and care;

Children. We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

M. For Thy goodness to us in our homes; for the love of father and mother; for kind friends and dear companions;

C. We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

M. For all good men and women who love Thee and do Thy works; for those who have taught us to trust Thee, and whom we love, because they are good, and kind and true;

C. We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

M. For the gift of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus; for His love of little children; for His death upon the Cross that our sins may be forgiven, and for His rising again to live in our hearts;

C. We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

M. Most gracious Father, Whose ear is ever open to our cry, hear us as we pray:

For the old and the weak, the lonely and the poor, the sick and the sorrowing, and for all who are unhappy;

C. Hear us, loving Father.

M. For little children who are fatherless and motherless; for those who are homeless and friendless in the world, and for all who are weak in body and are suffering pain;

C. Hear us, loving Father.

M. For all who know not that Jesus loves them, and gave Himself for them; for the children of heathen lands, and for those who labour to teach them of Thee, and of Thy love;

C. Hear us, loving Father.

M. From unkind words and deeds, from an evil temper and an unforgiving spirit, from deceitful lips and a disobedient heart;

C. Deliver us, Lord Jesus.

M. From evil thoughts and evil companions, from pride and selfishness, from the love of things which are hurtful, and from all fretfulness and discontent;

C. Deliver us, Lord Jesus.

M. That we may learn to love Thee in our youth,

to follow Jesus and do His works, to be brave and unselfish, honest and true-hearted ;

C. Help us, Holy Spirit.

M. That we may be helpful at home, dutiful to our parents, diligent in our studies, and kind to one another ;

C. Help us, Holy Spirit.

M. That we may serve the aged and the poor, the lonely and the sad, and that we may be modest and gentle in all our words and ways ;

C. Help us, Holy Spirit.

M. Bless our parents, and our friends ; our church and school ; our minister and teachers ; keep our hearts from evil, and bring us all at last to Thy heavenly kingdom.

Our Father . . .

Benediction

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the good Shepherd Who carried the lambs in His bosom, keep you, the little ones of His flock, ever free from sin and safe from danger ; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and protect you, both now and for ever more. *Amen.*

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Almighty and most merciful God, our Father in heaven, Who in Thy wisdom knowest what is best for us ; Who in all our mortal distresses canst make them turn to our spiritual good, and Who in our weakness hast promised to be specially near to us, to comfort and sustain us ; hear our prayers for Thy servant now lying in (great) sickness and weariness. O Lord, in Thy great mercy remember (*him*) in this (*his*) time of need ; support (*him*) with Thine everlasting arms ; supply (*him*) with devout and holy thoughts ; give (*him*) an entire resignation to Thy blessed will, and do Thou in Thy great mercy, if it seem good in Thy sight, grant (*him*) recovery.

Most gracious Father, we humbly pray Thee to be with those who surround (*him*) with their loving care ; hear their prayers on (*his*) behalf, and give them necessary strength and good hope, that together, they and (*he*) may learn afresh the blessing and loving-kindness of the Lord, and may be enabled to praise Thee for Thy so great mercies. Grant this, we pray Thee, for His sake, Who is the great Physician of our souls, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ORDINATION OF MINISTER

After the opening exercises, and the reading of Scripture (suitable passages : Isaiah vi. ; St. John x. 1-18. ; 1 Timothy iv. 1-8.), the Moderator, or Presiding Minister, shall say :

Dear Brethren : We are here met (as a Presbytery) in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to ordain *A.B.* to the office of the Holy Ministry, and to induct him into the pastoral charge of this congregation.

The Moderator shall then put to the Ordinand the questions prescribed by his Church on such occasions.

These being answered he shall turn to the congregation and say :

Do you, the members of this congregation, acknowledge and receive this our brother as your Minister in the Lord ; do you promise to reverence him for his holy office, and for his work's sake, and to encourage him in all his labours ; and, finally, do you engage to sustain him in his ministry amongst you by your loyalty and your prayers ?

If so, please stand.

Then shall follow the Ordination Prayer, the Ordinand kneeling.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we glorify Thee that Thou hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner Stone, and we bless Thee that in every generation Thou hast called men to the Ministry of the Word, giving some to be apostles, some teachers, some pastors, baptizing them with the Holy Ghost, and enduing them with power from on high.

And now, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God, to pour out upon Thy servant, and upon us, the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, as in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great King and Head of the Church, we ordain him (with the laying on of hands) to be a Minister of the Church of God, and commit unto him authority to minister its Word and Sacraments.

Hear us as we offer up our supplications on his behalf; help him now to re-dedicate himself unto Thee, that with the bestowal of this office there may be poured out upon him all needful grace; may he prove himself to his life's end a good soldier of Jesus Christ, faithful and fearless, patient and tender-hearted, counting it all joy to spend and be spent in the service, and for the sake of Thy dear Son.

Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to bind together the hearts of minister and people; unite them from this hour in all love and loyalty to Thee; help them to work together in concord, and make Thy Church in this place a centre of peace and grace. Help Thy

servant, we beseech Thee, as he goes in and out of the homes of his flock, to carry with him a heart that is warm with love and kindness. Grant him in Thy strength to comfort all that mourn ; to cheer those who carry heavy burdens, and to all to be a friend and brother, for Jesus' sake.

Now to Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

At the conclusion of the prayer the Minister who presides shall then address the Minister-elect, saying :

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, we do hereby declare you to be ordained to the office of the holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of this congregation ; and we commend you to God, and to the work of His grace, which is able to make you perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. *Amen.*

ORDINATION OR INDUCTION OF ELDERS OR DEACONS

SUITABLE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES :
Isaiah lxi. ; Romans xii. 1-18 ; 1 Peter v. 1-9.

ORDINATION PRAYER

O God, Who in Christ Jesus our Lord hast opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers, and dost call men to be fellow labourers with Thee in the Church of Thy dear Son ; look favourably, we beseech Thee, upon these Thy servants, called to serve Thee in the (eldership) in this Church and Congregation.

(And now, as in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great King and Head of the Church, we do solemnly ordain these our brethren to this office, send down upon them, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, and fit and consecrate them for their spiritual duties.)

Heavenly Father, from Whom alone help cometh, hear the prayers of Thy people offered at this time on behalf of Thy servants. Grant unto each an earnest zeal for the progress of Christ's kingdom on earth ; a deep love of Thy House ; a prayerful heart and a fervent spirit. Strengthen and encourage them in all their duties, so that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may receive from Him that crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give. Grant this for His sake.

LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE

Prayer

Almighty God, Who hast built the living Temple of Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone : Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to erect an House for Thine honour and worship. Accept the work of their hands, we humbly beseech Thee, and regard us with Thy loving-kindness as we lay this stone to the glory of Thine All-Holy Name.

O Lord our God, Who delightest in the sacrifices of Thy people, grant unto Thy servants in this pious work Thy continual help ; pour out upon them the spirit of gratitude and consecration ; preserve them in unity, and increase in their hearts all godly love and charity. Bless in Thy mercy the wardens and workers, and all engaged in the erection of this building ; preserve their lives from harm and accident ; may every stone be truly laid, and every undertaking honestly fulfilled. Abundantly multiply all things necessary for the building of this Thy House, and bring it to a speedy and happy completion.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church ; and because

it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Then, all things being made ready, the stone shall be laid by the person appointed thereto, who shall pronounce these words:

To the glory of God, and in the faith of Jesus Christ, we lay this foundation stone in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, one God, to Whom be glory for ever. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say:

This place is hereby set apart for prayer, and for the praise and worship of the most holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here let true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love, remain for ever.

HYMN

(*"The Church's One Foundation"*)

BENEDICTION

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

It is desirable, if circumstances and weather permit, that the service of Dedication should begin with the Choir and congregation standing around the porch without.

All being assembled, the service may begin by singing the Hundredth Psalm. At the words: "O enter then His gates with praise" (or Psalm xxiv. 7-10), the doors shall be opened, and Ministers, Choir, and people, shall pass to their appointed places, and remain standing.

If the whole service is to be conducted within the Church it should begin at this point, the Choir having previously taken up their appointed place, the Ministers entering in procession from the vestry.

The officiating Minister shall then say:

Peace be to this House from the Eternal Father.

Peace be to this House from Christ, Who is our Peace.

Peace be to this House from the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Let us pray:

Praise and glory be unto Thee, Lord God of our fathers, Maker of heaven and earth; Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less temples

made by hands, Who nevertheless hast been pleased to promise Thy Presence where Thy servants assemble in Thy Name; vouchsafe to be present with us, who are gathered together in all humility and readiness of heart, to dedicate this place to the honour of Thy great and holy Name. Accept this, the purpose of our hearts, we earnestly beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

TE DEUM

At the close a Lesson from Holy Scripture may be read, suitable passages being: 1 *Chron. xxix.* 9-20.; 1 *Cor. iii.*; *Eph. ii.* 11-22.

Here may follow the Apostles' Creed, all the people standing.

ACT OF DEDICATION

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth:
To Thee we dedicate this House.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:
To Thee we dedicate this House.
O God the Holy Ghost, Lord and Giver of Life:
To Thee we dedicate this House.
O Holy and Blessed Trinity; three Persons and one God:
To Thee we dedicate this House.

PRAYER

Praise and glory be unto Thee, Lord God of our fathers, Maker of heaven and earth, that Thou hast called us to worship Thee in this building, which we have built, and do now dedicate to the glory of

Thy most holy Name. Accept our thanksgivings, we beseech Thee, for all Thy mercies unto us and ours. Descend now and take possession of this place; fill this Temple with Thy most holy Spirit; consecrate it to Thy service; vouchsafe to make it unto us and to our children, and to them that shall come after us unto all time, a sanctuary of prayer, and a place of blessing. Here may weary and laden hearts find in Thy worship recovery and rest; here may burdened souls find the way of peace, and in the abundance of Thy mercies may all our souls be satisfied.

Glory be to the Father Who hath created us; glory be to the Son Who hath redeemed us; glory be to the Spirit Who doth sanctify us; glory be to the Supreme and Undivided Trinity, one God, for ever and ever.

By the authority committed unto us we set apart for ever from all profane or common use this House, and we hereby dedicate it to the glory of God, and for the holy services of Christ's Church.

DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL WINDOW

In the faith of Jesus Christ we unveil and dedicate this Window to the glory of God, and in the memory of His servant . . . in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God, Whose Divine Majesty filleth heaven and earth, Who nevertheless dost deign to receive our willing offerings of what Thyself hast given : vouchsafe, we humbly beseech Thee, to accept this Window, which we now dedicate to Thy glory, and in loving memory of Thy servant . . . Grant that they who worship here, being drawn by Thy Holy Spirit to the contemplation and love of heavenly things, may daily be conformed to the image of Thy dear Son, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

DEDICATION OF AN ORGAN

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Organ to the glory of God (and in memory of His servant . . .), in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Whose heavenly Temple is filled with the glad songs of multitudes which no man can number, who stand around Thy Throne, and praise Thee with unceasing joy, be pleased, we beseech Thee, to receive this Organ, which we now dedicate to Thy glory, to the service of Thy Holy Church (and in pious memory of Thy servant . . .). Grant that by its skilful and reverent use it may enrich the worship of Thy House, and in leading our praises encourage us more worthily to magnify Thee with our lips, and glorify Thee in our hearts, so that in our joyful singing in Thy Courts below we may have a foretaste of that heavenly joy which Thou promised to those who love and serve Thee. Grant this we humbly beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

ORDER FOR MARRIAGE SERVICE

The persons to be married, with at least two witnesses, shall take their places before the Minister, the Bridegroom having the Bride at his left hand. The Service may be opened with the singing of a Hymn.

Then the Minister shall say (*the congregation standing*),

Dearly Beloved, we are here met in the presence of God, to join together this man and this woman in the bonds of holy wedlock, according to the ordinance of God, and the laws of this realm.

Marriage is an honourable estate ordained of God from the beginning as the foundation and bond of family life, for the bringing up of children in the nurture and fear of the Lord, and for the mutual society, help, and comfort that the husband and wife ought to have, the one of the other. Its sanctity was confirmed by the teaching of Christ Himself; it was honoured and adorned by His presence at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, and is set forth by His Apostle as signifying to us the mystical union between Christ and His Church. It is not, therefore, to be entered upon by anyone lightly or thoughtlessly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.

Into which estate these two persons now desire to enter. Wherefore, if any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now declare it, or else hereafter hold his peace.

Also, speaking directly to the Bridegroom and the Bride, the Minister shall say :

I charge you both, as ye shall answer to God, that if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in marriage, ye do now declare it ; and be ye also well assured that so many as are joined together otherwise than God's Word doth allow are not united by God, neither is their marriage lawful in His sight.

If no impediment be alleged or confessed he shall require the BRIDEGROOM *to say after him the following words :*

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, A——— B———, may not be joined in matrimony to C——— D———.

The BRIDE *shall likewise say after the Minister :*

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, C——— D———, may not be joined in matrimony to A——— B———.

Then, the persons devoutly kneeling, the Minister shall say :

Let us pray :

Almighty God, the Creator and Preserver of men, from Whom cometh every good and every perfect gift, we bless Thee, as for all Thy benefits, so especially at this time for Thine ordinance of marriage. We thank Thee that in Thy providence Thou hast led these Thy servants into mutual affection and confidence. Enable them, we beseech Thee, to plight their troth, and in Thy holy Name to

exchange their vows of love and faithfulness. And may it please Thee, without Whose benediction nothing can prosper, to vouchsafe to us now the joy and blessing of Thy presence. Grant us this, O Father of mercies, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

All rising, the Minister shall ask :

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man ?

The Father (or whoever takes his place) shall answer :

I do.

The Minister shall then say to the BRIDEGROOM, *addressing him by his full Christian name :*

A——— B———, wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony ?

The BRIDEGROOM *shall answer :*

I will.

Then shall the Minister say to the BRIDE, *addressing her by her full Christian name :*

C——— D———, wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony ?

The BRIDE *shall answer :*

I will.

Then the Minister shall say :

Join your right hands.

He shall then require the BRIDEGROOM *to say after him :*

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, A——— B———, do take thee, C———

D———, to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, honour and cherish, till death us do part; according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight Thee my troth.

He shall then require the BRIDE *to say after him:*

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, C——— D———, do take thee, A——— B———, to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, honour and cherish, till death us do part; according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

They shall then loose hands, and the Minister shall say to the BRIDEGROOM*:*

In token and pledge of the covenant now made betwixt you both, place a ring on the third finger of the woman's left hand.

Then the BRIDEGROOM *shall again take the* BRIDE'S *right hand in his own, and the Minister shall declare:*

Forasmuch as these persons have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, I pronounce them to be husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

He shall then pronounce upon them this blessing :

The Lord bless you and keep you : the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you : the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Here a Hymn may be sung.

Then the Minister shall say :

Here now what the Scripture saith as touching the love which is the foundation and bond of true marriage.

Love suffereth long and is kind : love envieth not : love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil : rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth ; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three : and the greatest of these is love.

The following passage may also be read :

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it ; that He might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present the Church to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing ; but that it should be holy, and without blemish. Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself ; for no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourisheth it and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the Church ; because we are members of His Body. For this cause

shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall become one flesh.

Here the Minister may give the following address, or other such words of exhortation :

ADDRESS

My Dear Friends : Permit me to offer you now a few words of sincere congratulation, and of kindly counsel.

By this beautiful and solemn ordinance of the Church you have been united to become the sharers of one home, and of each other's joys and sorrows, and this sacred relation is to last through life. It will become you, then, seriously to consider the path you ought to pursue.

No home can ever be blessed in which the Giver of all blessedness is forgotten, and in the midst of your joy in each other I would ask you to remember the goodness of God towards you. Through days of childhood and of youth He has preserved you ; He has made you rich in each other's love, and brought you in His providence to this hour of happy union. The prayers of all who love you encompass the Throne of Grace on your behalf to-day, and we pray that the good God Who has so graciously befriended you in the days that are gone, may shield you in times of danger, comfort you in times of sickness, and bring you both to a happy and fruitful old age.

When you leave this Church to-day, you go out into the world together, to found a new home, and to fight together the battle of Life. And the secret of all happily married lives is the joyous and uncom-

plaining bearing of each other's burdens. To be truly happy in your home you must learn to be truly unselfish, to forgive and to forget, and not to expect more from each other than each can give. You have each your own temperament, your own ways of looking at things, and that union which comes through dissimilarities acquiesced in, and recognised, can only be reached by much forgiving love, and by the highest exercise of patience and gentleness.

Most of all, you will not forget to make your home beautiful. But beautiful homes are not made by lavish wealth, by decorations of art, or by costly furnishings. The House Beautiful is that which offers a shelter from the cold and enmities of the world ; which is warm with kindness, and with the comforts of love ; and which is a shrine of God's own peace.

And now may the God of peace, that brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

My Dear Friends : It is a time-honoured custom that I should offer to you now a few words of congratulation and of counsel.

By the good providence of God you have been brought to this happy day, and by this solemn and beautiful ordinance of the Church, your lives, which

before have been lived apart, are now to be lived together, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or in health, as long as life shall last.

It is not mere custom or convention which ordains that so sacred and enduring a relationship should be entered into within a church. To deny to this ordinance the sanctities of religion is to empty it of its beauty and significance. It is to separate God from the most momentous act of our lives. So here, in these first moments of your union, we silently call upon God to bless you, to make you happy in each other, to shield you from life's dangers, and to protect you from life's temptations.

Marriage has been truly described as a sacrament. The word, let me remind you, originally meant the oath taken by the Roman soldier when he joined the colours, and promised to be faithful unto death. But the Church has enriched the word by adding to it a new sacredness. The pledge of devotion which you have made, the one to the other, here to-day, I ask you to regard as a sacrament between you, something inexpressibly sacred, which cannot be broken or annulled; something holy which will always be present in your lives to protect you from anything that would separate you, or alienate you from one another.

When you leave this church to-day, you go out into the world together, hand in hand, gaily to fight life's battles and to found for yourselves that sanctuary which we call by the tender name of Home. May your home be all that you would wish it to be—a shelter from the storms of life, a haven

of peace and quiet content, a place warm with loving-kindness and good will. But to make it this let me remind you much is required. Love is the most beautiful thing in the world, but it is a tender plant, and droops where it is not carefully tended and nourished. And happiness in home life requires more than love. It requires patience, and forgiveness, and above all unselfishness. Set yourselves then the task of learning how to live happily together. When you make mistakes, laugh at them and begin again. So also when the little clouds appear along the horizon, let kind good humour dissipate them before they get too big, or too threatening.

And do not live for yourselves alone. Carry some of your love out of doors, into the big world that needs it so much, and into lives that are sunless and unhappy. For those who are wise, and know life best, assure us, that the fires of love burn brightest in our own hearts, when we share them royally with others.

So learn to keep the candles burning on the high altars of your hearts, then the darkest day will not be without its hope, or the darkest night without its stars.

Thereafter, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Most blessed God, Who alone canst consecrate and make lasting all that we do here upon earth, let Thy blessing descend upon this union, we humbly beseech Thee, and upon these Thy servants united this day as husband and wife. We thank Thee for

all Thy Fatherly mercies unto them, that through days of weakness and danger Thou hast spared them, bringing them unto the joy of this hour, and satisfying their love in one another. And now we commend them to Thy care. Grant them, we beseech Thee, all needful blessing; enrich them with the good things of this life; give them wisdom and prudence for all their duties, and the continual help of Thy Holy Spirit. Bless, we pray Thee, their home life, sanctify every experience, and consecrate every joy, and enable them to dwell together in the forbearance and tender purity of wedded love. And especially, we beseech Thee to grant that, amid all the trials and changes of this our mortal life, they may hold undimmed their faith in Thee; as their years increase may love to Thee deepen in their hearts, and whether in joy or sorrow, in sickness or in health, in life or in death, may they hold fast the promises which Thou hast given to them that love Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Our Father . . .

The Almighty God, our loving Father, bless, preserve, and keep you. The Lord mercifully with His favour look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this world, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Dear Brethren: For our comfort and support let us listen to these words from God's Holy Word. For He is our Father, and knoweth our grief, and He is merciful and compassionate and doth not willingly afflict the children of men.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith Jesus. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. The Lord redeemeth the souls of His servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep. For since by man

came death, by man came also the resurrection from the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits: afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God Who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Then shall the Minister say:

Dearly beloved: forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take to Himself the soul of our (*brother*) departed, let us beseech Him to grant us His Holy Spirit the Comforter, that our hearts may not faint nor be troubled, but may find in Him their refuge and strength.

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, Whose pity is infinite, and Whose will is sovereign, be pleased at this time to look upon our sorrow, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Who likewise was partaker of flesh and blood, enable us to turn to Thee. Send down Thy

Holy Spirit to comfort and support us, for we have none other to help us, none other who knoweth our need or can pity us, save Thee alone. Help us then to lift up our souls unto Thee, that we may be given divine grace to support us in this our time of need.

O most merciful God, the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, our comfort in sorrow, and our hope in dying, we thank Thee that Thou art the eternal Home of all who seek Thee, and that into the shadow of death Thou hast sent the light of an immortal hope. We bless Thee for the assurance given us of a light that fades not, and a life beyond that cannot know the bitterness of death, where Christ and those we love await with Thee our coming, in Thy glory. Fill our minds with thoughts of heaven, that sweet and blessed country, where there are no more tears, and where sorrow and sighing are done away.

(We thank Thee that even in this sad hour of bereavement we can turn to Thee in gratitude and thanksgiving. We bless Thee for (*him*) whom Thou hast taken unto Thyself ; for all (*he*) has been to those who loved (*him*) and honoured (*him*) in (*his*) home, in (*his*) church, and in (*his*) public and private life. We thank Thee for (*his*) uprightness of character, for (*his*) unassuming but persistent witness to the things that are spiritual and eternal ; for (*his*) devoted service to Thy Church (for so many years) and for the gracious memory of a life nobly lived, which (*he*) has left behind. And now that (*his*) task is ended, and Thou hast called (*him*) to (*his*) rest and reward,

comfort us, we beseech Thee, by the thought that what is loss to us is gain to (*him*), and that to be with Christ is far better.)

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst weep at the grave of Lazarus, we remember before Thee with deep compassion those on whom this loss most sorely falls. In their sorrow may they be comforted of Thee. Be Thou their Friend and Helper ; in their darkness make Thy light to shine for them ; in their loneliness may they ever be conscious of Thy presence and of the peace which passeth understanding.

And now, O Lord our God, help us with them to say Thy will be done, and realizing afresh the shortness and uncertainty of life, help us to take up our different tasks with deeper consecration, having learned in the presence of death the deeper meaning of life, and that our only hope and confidence are in Thy pitying and forgiving love.

Our Father Who art in heaven . . .

For a Child

It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

For I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in nowise enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Let us pray.

O God, Who hast taught us to call Thee our Father, help us to come to Thee with our wounded and stricken hearts, and to pour out our grief at Thy feet. Let our sorrow and mourning appeal to Thy pity; our loss draw down upon us Thy compassion. Come near to Thy servants mourning the loss of their child; visit them with Thy divine grace; for all earthly comforts are unavailing; nothing but Thy Fatherly pity can bring solace, nothing but the assurance that Thou knowest their grief, and that all Thy purposes, though unknown to us, are full of mercy and love, can help them to bear their loss.

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for that happy Home above, of which the children sing, and for that place of heavenly joy, where children with their unstained hearts grow in stature and beauty amid scenes of peace and blessedness, and where their angels do always behold the Face of their Father in heaven. And we thank Thee that to Thy servants Thou didst grant for a little space this gift of Thy love, to be now to them a sanctifying and blessed memory, lifting their thoughts away from the things of time and sense, to that abode where the child they love waits to welcome them. May this memory remain with all its purifying grace in their hearts, and lead them to a new and deeper consecration of their lives to Thee.

And help us all, O God, amid the trials and temp-

tations of this our earthly life, to preserve within us the child spirit, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Hear us in this our prayer, and in Thy tender compassion be ever with us to keep us from falling, and to preserve us faultless before Thy presence, for Jesus' sake.

Our Father . . .

BENEDICTION

AT THE GRAVE

Our citizenship is in heaven ; from whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ ; Who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His glory, according to the working whereby He is able to subject all things unto Himself.

I heard a great voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes ; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying, nor pain any more.

When the body has been laid in the grave, the Minister shall say :

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our (*brother*) departed ; we therefore commit (*his*) body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust ; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection from the dead at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Where the body is cremated :

We therefore commit (*his*) body to be dissolved ; ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

For those who have laid violent hands upon themselves, change last paragraph to :

In humble reliance upon the mercy of Him Who knoweth all our distresses, and in Whose pity we confide.

Then the Minister shall say :

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, we render unto Thee our thanksgiving for the great multitude of the faithful, together with those known and dear to us who, having served their day and generation in Thy fear, have entered into rest ; beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee, of Thy goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom ; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, Who hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts, and establish us in every good word and work ;

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide with you, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

CHRISTMAS.

Isa. ix. 1-7, xi. 1-10 ; Luke ii. 1-20 ; John i. 1-18 ; Matt. ii.

CLOSING YEAR.

Deut. viii. ; Pss. xc., ciii. ; Eccles. ix. 11-18 ; Matt. xxiv. 36-51, xxv. 1-13 ; Rom. viii. 16-39.

NEW YEAR.

Deut. xi. ; Ps. xci. ; Isa. xl. ; Matt. v. 1-16 ; John xv. ; Rom. xii. ; 2 Peter iii.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Ps. lxix. 1-21 ; Isa. liii. ; Matt. xxvii. 29-57 ; John xix. 1-30 ; Rom. v.

EASTER.

Pss. xvi., cxviii., cxlviii. ; John xx. ; Rom. vi., viii. 1-13.

ASCENSION.

Pss. xxiv., xlvii. ; Luke xxiv. 44-53 ; Eph. iv. 1-16.

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Ps. cxlv. ; Joel ii. 21-32 ; Acts ii. 1-21 ; Gal. v. 16-26.

HARVEST.

Deut. viii. ; Ps. lxv. ; Matt. xiii. 24-31 ; John iv. 31-39 ; 2 Cor. ix.

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Ps. lxxii. ; Isa. xxxv. ; Matt. ix. 35-38, x. ; Acts x. 14 ; Rom. x. ; Eph. ii.

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Pss. xlviii., lxxxiv. ; Isa. vi. ; Ezek. xxxiii. ; John x. 1-18 ; Rom. xii. ; 1 Cor. iii. 12 ; Eph. iv. ; 1 Tim. iii.

TO THE PASSER-BY

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This Church stands not so much to represent a denomination, as to witness to the spiritual facts of life. It is a silent reminder to all who pass by that no life is worthily lived that neglects its duty to God.

Within, its worship is simple and reverent. It aims at lifting the thoughts of men and women away from the harassing things of the world to the high and holy things of the spiritual life. It seeks to offer to the homeless a home, and to the lonely a place where they will meet those who seek their good.

To all who seek a haven of rest and worship, and who have not found it, the doors of this Church stand open in welcome. They will be received without ostentation, but with sincerity and in kindness.

(*To be placed inside the Porch*)

Whosoever thou art that enterest
This Church,
Remember it is the House of God.
Be reverent,
Be silent,
Be thoughtful,
And leave it not without a prayer to God
For thyself,
For those who minister,
And those who worship here.

BENEDICTIONS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee : the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be with you, and remain with you always.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

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